

Grade 1/2 Newsletter Term 3



July 2017



Important dates for term 3	Reminders
<p><u>Sovereign Hill Excursion</u> Friday the 28th of July</p> <p><u>Swimming</u> 11th-15th of September</p> <p><u>Inquiry Showcase</u> 14th of September</p> <p><u>End of term</u> Friday the 22nd of September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Assembly will be held each Friday at 2:30pm.➤ Hats are not required in term 3.➤ Please remind your child to bring their drink bottle to school each day, especially on days we have sport.

Curriculum

Reading

Term 3 will be a busy term! We have begun the term by learning how to summarise. We will be summarising both fiction and nonfiction texts looking for the important parts of the text, retelling the text in order and discussing what we learned from the text. Later in the term we are going to be learning how to synthesise, which involves adjusting present understandings to accommodate new knowledge. We will then be learning how to analyse text. This involves noticing certain aspects of the text structure and the writer's craft.

Writing

This term in writing students will be focusing on investigating and developing the structure and content of an information report. Students will be using facts they already know and facts that they have learnt from nonfiction texts to develop an in-depth understanding on a chosen topic for their own information report. Students will be developing an information report that includes a title, a classification, a description and interesting facts relevant to their topic of choice. Students will also continue developing their understanding of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Mathematics

In term 3, 1/2 students will be learning about capacity, length, location, multiplication and division. Students will be developing their understanding of using different strategies to help them with

strengthening their number and measurement knowledge. In measurement students will be able to estimate, measure, compare and record their findings when measuring the length and capacity of objects. In multiplication and division students will be able to make equal groups through sharing objects equally and showing their thinking by using materials, drawing diagrams and making arrays.

Inquiry

This term in inquiry the 1/2 students will be time travelling throughout history by exploring and investigating how daily life has evolved over time. The students will be focusing on their own personal family history and the similarities and differences of family life over time. Students will be given the opportunity to learn about the past and the present through photographs, artefacts, timelines and rich discussions.

SCIENCE

This term in Science, Grade 1/2 students will be focusing on the Chemical Science strand. Students in Grade 1/2 will be investigating how different materials can be combined, including mixing for a particular purpose. They will be exploring the local school environment to observe a variety of materials, and describe ways in which the materials are used. They will investigate the effects of mixing materials together e.g. making jelly. Towards the end of the term they will be involved in tasks to look at how we can reuse and recycle certain materials. During these investigations students will be continuing to develop the following science Inquiry skills – questioning and predicting, planning and conducting experiments, processing and analysing data and information and communicating their ideas and results.

ART

Term 3 will see the students creating artworks inspired by Picasso with a focus on presenting and creating art for an audience. Students will also be involved in working collaboratively to design and create a whole class canvas based on a single theme.

The 1/2 cohort will then begin to look at Mosaic Art, through aerial views and the use of colour to develop patterns and images and students will have the opportunity to develop their sculpting skills with clay to design, create and make a 3 dimensional piece of art.

PE

This term, our 1/2 students will be looking at AFL!! We are very fortunate enough to have some AFL experts come and will be running a footy clinic with our students for 4 weeks. We will mainly be focusing on putting a skillset with a movement, like running and giving a handball. Finally, our 1/2's will be looking at competitive games, where they will learn to play with others and be good sportsmen. Students will learn to demonstrate how to play a game with rules and accept the win or loss.