

GRADE 2 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

DATE

14th, 15th, 16th May

10th June

28th June

EVENT

Teeth on Wheels

Public Holiday

Last day of term 2



Reading

We welcome all grade 2 students back for an exciting term of learning at Melton West Primary School.

In the first week of term the students have been reminded about what makes a 'Just Right Book' and we have made sure that the students all have the books and equipment necessary to be an independent reader during the reading hour.

The first reading comprehension learning focus for term 2 is summarising fiction and non fiction text. Through the summarising unit the students in grade 2 will be taught how to summarise by retelling the main events in order and in their own words. Following summarising is the comprehension strategy Making Connections. Making Connections is when the reader connects their own knowledge to the text they are reading. They will be given opportunities to make text to text connections and text to self connections. By practicing these skills this term the grade 2's will become better readers.

Writing

Term 2 starts with a strong focus on Information reports. The grade 2 students will be exposed to a variety of information reports about animals, sports, countries, music and food. After weeks of explicit modelling the students will be encouraged to write and present an information report about a subject of their choice following the taught structure. In their information report we hope to read only facts, see a clear title, subheadings and labelled diagrams and pictures where necessary.

During writing the students will be constantly revising their work looking to increase their word knowledge of specific topics while continuing to practice spelling high frequency words correctly.

Numeracy

The grade 2 students continue to practice their skip counting at the beginning of each maths lesson. In all three classes the teachers continue to create fun and engaging counting activities to ensure that the learning is stimulating and that the students are ready to learn.

The main focus of learning in maths this term is Addition and Subtraction. The students will be given several opportunities to learn more about addition and subtraction through hands on learning and real life experiences. They will be encouraged to not only record their mathematical thinking but explain it through the use of materials and digital technology.

A sub unit being taught this semester is Length. In this unit the students will be involved in a lot of investigation into the vocabulary needed for the topic and the units of measurement needed to measure the length of objects in and around the classroom. They will make statements such as 'The pencil is *longer* than the rubber' and use the appropriate materials to measure the length of the object.

Inquiry Unit

We have a very exciting Inquiry topic this term where the students will be submerged in culture. The unit is called 'From all the lands on Earth we come'. Over the coming ten weeks they will be learning all about the different cultures of our community and world. We will be doing this by reading a lot of books about celebrations, looking at a world maps to see where different countries are, viewing on the internet the many different dances and languages spoken and providing the students with an incursion where they will get to see first hand a variety of cultural dances and music.

To conclude the inquiry unit all the students will be presenting a Lapbook with information about their chosen country. The students will be presenting these to their peers and parents at an Inquiry Showcase later in the term.



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ART

This term in Art, the Grade 2s will be using different materials to create pieces of artwork. They will have the opportunity to express their ideas through their art and use their imaginations to create interesting artwork. This will be seen through a simple activity based on 'the dot'. The students will continue to learn about colour theory, tints and shades and colour order. They will start to use line and shape in a directed drawing activity and look at famous Artists individual work and interpret their work to inspire individual art pieces.

LOTE

This term in LOTE, Grade 1/2 students will be focusing on family member names, date, time, some food and drink names. Students in Grade 1/2 will be exploring the Chinese culture activity, for example, paper cutting, and making Chinese paper craft dragon. They will learn the measure words and make a Chinese shopping list. Students will also be learning to write Chinese numbers 1-100 and some greeting words. They will begin to learn how to write the Chinese character. They will create sentences and understand that Chinese sentences have a particular word order. During this term, students will be continuing to develop the following skills: Critical thinking, analysing, collaboration skill, communicating their ideas, speaking and writing skills.

PE

Welcome back little ones! It is time for us to get our goals up to date! After we have done our goal check ins, we will start with dodging and agility. Our students have worked on running in a straight line, now we are going to have them move around a bit more. Once we have shifted our weight, the grade two's will work on dodging (what does it mean, how does it apply to everyday). Finally, we will finish the term preparing for Athletics.

Let's tie our shoes, get our feet ready because it is time to stomp around!

SCIENCE

This term in Science, students are focussing on the Physical Science strand where we will be learning how a push and pull force affects how an object moves or changes shape.

Students will observe and model the different ways that object move and change shape, and explore which forces enable objects to move. Through predictions and investigations, students will observe, test and record the effects of the push, pull and gravity forces through a variety of different experiments.