

Grade 1/2 Curriculum News - Term 3 2018



Important dates for Term 3	Reminders
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 13th – 17th August 1/2 Swimming➤ 20th – 24th August Book week➤ 27th August Book Parade Dress Up Day➤ 30th August Father's Day Stall➤ 31st August Father's Day Breakfast➤ 7th September Footy Colours Day➤ 21st September Last Day of Term 3 – Early dismissal 2.10pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Please encourage your child to practice their reading every night➤ Please make sure child is wearing the correct school uniform➤ During Term 3 assembly is held at 2.30pm on Friday afternoons

Term 3 Curriculum

Reading

In reading this term, the grade 1/2s will be learning to make and record valid inferences. They will be practicing how to infer a characters' feelings, characters' motives and infer the problem of the text. When inferring, students will learn to use the clues in the text and their prior knowledge to identify what the author is trying to tell us without using words.

We will then be using this knowledge to practice our asking and answering skills. We will be learning to ask questions about the text and to use the text to help us answer questions that are 'right there' 'author and me' and 'think and search' questions.

Writing

In writing this term the 1/2 students will be learning about persuasive texts. They will be working on the structure of persuasive texts and they will be writing about their opinions on topics they are passionate about, with supportive evidence to support their opinions.

The 1/2 students will also be working on procedural texts. They will be exploring ways to write procedural recipes and 'how tos' for example how to play games.

The 1/2 students will continue to work hard on improving their ability to familiarise themselves with spelling patterns, grammar and punctuation when editing their writing pieces.

Numeracy

In numeracy this term, establishing early concepts in multiplication and division will be a primary focus. This will include forming groups of objects and encouraging students to view groups as repeated whole numbers that amount to a larger total. Encouraging students to make the connection to their previous focus of skip counting will coincide with these activities. Following the consolidation of understanding concepts, students will be exposed to how multiplication can assist in the problem solving process. The second half of term three will be introducing students to the concept of fractions. This will involve the manipulation of shapes and objects, such as folding paper and placement of materials, to gain knowledge regarding halves, quarters and eighths.

Inquiry

In Inquiry this term, the grade 1/2s will be learning about how our family life has changed or remained the same over time. The students will be looking into their personal and family histories and will discover what Melton West Primary School used to look like many years ago. The grade 1/2s will be focusing on comparing how family life has changed by discussing technology, transport, schooling, toys, games and cooking and how they have all evolved over time. The students will present their understanding of this history through the use of venn diagrams, charts and collaborative discussions and will share their learning by creating a booklet that shows their four different life stages (baby, kinder, prep and now). At each stage the students will put in information about what they were doing at that time, what their favourite toy was, the technology that they knew of at the time and what their family looked like at that point in their life.

ART

During term three the 1/2s will be focusing on the Visual Design Elements and Principles of 'Value, Texture and Gradation'. They will be creating pieces that look at using both actual and implied textures. They will engage in the art form of collage to learn how to incorporate their understanding of texture into visual art pieces. The 1/2 students will also be developing their understanding of observational drawing (still life). Through their observational drawings they will be identifying how to add light and shadow for effect.

Science

This term in Science, Grade 1/2 students will be focusing on the Chemical Science strand. Students in 1/2 will be sorting and grouping the observable properties of objects such as colour, texture and flexibility. They will also be predicting the changes that can happen to everyday materials such as chocolate, water and spaghetti. There will be lots of connections made this term with real world situations such as food handling, cooking and construction. Students will be getting hands on with different materials, making and creating while they learn about the properties of materials around them.

PE

This term, our 1/2 students will be looking at AFL! We will mainly be focusing on putting a skillset with a movement, like running and giving a handball. These skills will also help our students with balancing and hand eye co-ordination. Our 1/2's will be looking at competitive games, where they will learn to play with others and be good sportsmen. They will be demonstrating that through Athletics this term. Students will learn to demonstrate how to play a game with rules and accept the win or loss. Finally, our 1/2's will be examining connecting sports through movements like basketball, footy and soccer.