

TERM 2, WEEK 1-5

YEAR 2/3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you have all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for a very busy term. This newsletter will provide you with all the important information that you need for the first 5 weeks of Term 2.

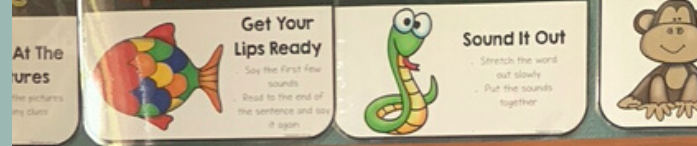
Literacy

New term, new writing genre. This term we are focusing on the structure and language features of persuasive texts. We began exploring the structure of persuasive paragraphs in the last few weeks of Term 1. We know that in order to have a well thought out and convincing paragraph we must state our opinion, give a reason and explain our reason using evidence and examples. Now that we know the correct structure, we will begin to explore how we can use language features to make our writing as persuasive as possible. Get ready to see us using lots of persuasive language!

In Reading, we have had a big focus on answering comprehension questions with evidence from the text. We are now beginning to explore inferential questions, where we need to use clues from the text to find the answer.

Library

A reminder that library is every **Tuesday**. Please ensure that your child's books are kept safe in a library bag.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 27th - Pupil Free Day

May 7th - Mother's Day Liturgy & Morning Tea @ 11am

May 10th-14th - NAPLAN for Year 3s

May 21st - Year 6 Assembly

Mathematics

This term, the Year 2 students will be learning the following:

- Addition & Subtraction - Solve simple addition and subtraction problems using a range of efficient mental and written strategies.
- Measurement - Compare and order several shapes and objects based on length, area, volume and capacity using appropriate uniform informal units. Compare masses of objects using balance scales

This term, the Year 3 students will be learning the following:

- Addition & Subtraction - Recall addition facts for single-digit numbers and related subtraction facts to develop increasingly efficient mental strategies for computation.
- Measurement - Measure, order and compare objects using familiar metric units of length, mass and capacity

Religious Education

Our Religious Education lessons will focus on the Eucharist. This term, our Year 4 students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. It is important that we all learn the meaning and the process of this Sacrament so we can support our classmates. Please note these important dates:

- May 13th - First Communion Parent Information Night (only Year 4 parents).
- May 30th - First Holy Communion



Inquiry/Humanities & Social Sciences

This term our Inquiry focuses on different habitats around the world and how animals depend on them. We have begun exploring different biomes from around the world and where they are located. We can't wait to see where this inquiry takes us!

Digital Technologies

This term we are combining Digital Technologies and Design & Technologies together. We have begun exploring different architectural styles from around the world and throughout history. Later in the term, we will design our own house inspired by a chosen architectural style and create a house using Minecraft. We are all excited to get onto the iPads!

Homework

Each week students will bring home a home reader book and a reading log. Reading will help your child develop in all areas of the curriculum and your support at home can have the greatest impact on your child's overall achievement. Please listen to your child read every night and talk with your child about the book they read to help develop their comprehension skills.

Students can also practice learnt mathematical skills using the prodigy website. Your child's user name and password can be found in the front of their communication book. If you are having any problems logging in please let me know.

Please ensure that your child has completed their reading before moving onto Prodigy.

Health

In Health students will continue learning the Keeping Safe Curriculum with as focus on rights and responsibilities and their identify and relationships. Students will learn:

- that they have a right to be safe,
- to understand their own identity,
- that there are many different types of relationships
- and how to identify people they can trust.