

STAGE 1 - TERM 1 OVERVIEW

WELCOME

Welcome back Year 1 & 2 families! Stage 1 students have now all met their teachers and new classmates, and are settling in beautifully. This week and next, we have our initial parent-teacher meeting. If you haven't made a booking yet and would like to, please do so through the office. These meetings are a great opportunity to share any important information about your child with their teacher. There's a voluntary student information form available on School eNews to complete and pass on to your child's teacher on the day.

TEACHERS & CLASSES

Waratah (Y1/2) - Rhiannon Summer, Assistant Principal (relieving), & Micaela Cecire (teaching on Monday).

Bluegum (Y2/3) - Ruby Logan

Wattle (Y2) - Ricki-Lee Coles

Lillypilly (Y1) - Grace Goydych

Viola (Y1) - Edward Lonsdale

READERS

Our home reading program has not yet officially begun, but will be doing so in the next few weeks. In the classroom, students will be reading Little Learners Love Literacy decodeable texts until they have conquered all taught sounds. For home reading, they may bring home a different brand of decodable reader or a general text. Regardless of the type of reader, encourage your child to use their knowledge of sounds to decode any unknown words. Once students are capable readers, they will cease to bring home readers. At this stage, library books of their own choosing are a good alternative for reading.

ADMINISTRATION

How to contact us: Send an email to the office. This will be forwarded to the class teacher. Please outline the issue to be discussed so that teachers can make inquiries and respond in a timeframe appropriate to the issue at hand.

eNews: Please note that all important news and updates are distributed via eNews.

Permission notes are sent digitally via **School Bytes**.

TIMETABLING

Art, library and music
Tuesday for all Stage 1 classes

Sport
Wednesday, Week 2-Week 5 (inclusive)
After Week 5, your child's sports day will be at the discretion of their class teacher and may change.

EVENTS

Parent-Teacher interviews
Week 4-5

School Photos
Monday 8th April

Harmony Day
Week 9

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SCIENCE

The topic of science this term is the 'Material World'. Students will be investigating the properties of different materials such as plastic, paper, fabric and metal, and how those properties determine their use. They will also investigate the ways in which Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples have combine different materials to produce traditional utensils.

PDHPE

In personal development & health, students will be looking at what makes them unique and learning to appreciate the differences between people.

In physical education, students will be practising fundamental movement skills.

During weeks 2-5, they are participating in free GOAL clinics on Wednesdays. Afterward, students will continue practising fundamental movement skills in whole-class groups.

ENGLISH

In English, students will be building their phonemic awareness and engaging in regular phonics practice. In term 1, they will be practising their long vowel sounds and learning new ways to spell them. Students will be learning to expand simple sentences by building adjective-noun groups, and adding interesting verbs and adverbs. They will be learning about different sentence types such as statements and questions, and appropriate boundary punctuation. Students will begin to identify and define pronouns.

HISTORY

In Term 1 and 2, Stage 1 studies history. This year they are exploring how family life has changed over time. Students will investigate differences between family structures, routines and roles today and in the past. They will learn to pose questions, analyse sources and communicate their thoughts and findings.

ARTS

In art, students will be learning how art can turn the ordinary into the extraordinary. They will be looking at the work of artists such as Andy Warhol and Eric Wilson. Students will make drawings, collages, prints and paintings representing household objects.

In music, Stage 1 will be exploring instruments from around the world and how they make sounds. They will also learn to sing and play songs using the glockenspiel.

MATHS

This term, students will be taught the following content:

- Collections of 10 (a unit introducing students to the big idea that collections of 10 are really useful);
- Combining & separating quantities using addition & subtraction
- Patterns;
- Measurement: time
- Measurement: length
- 2-dimensional space