

Pod 1 - 2020

Dear parents/ caregivers,

Welcome back to term 3! The start of the term has been different in terms of Miss. M being in the classroom for the first four weeks of the term with Mr. O returning in Week 5. Congratulations to Mr. O and his wife who welcomed their first child, a baby boy, Forrest Kingsley Oppert who surprised us all arriving late last term. Although there is a change in who is in the classroom, our aim is to continue the safe and nurturing environment in which Pod 1 had worked hard to create.

As always, we have high expectations of each member of Pod 1 and hope that they can continue with the success they have had throughout the year. Similar to Mr. O, my expectations remain the same in that we are a team of learners with their being no tolerance for disrespect both towards peers and staff. Every student has a right to learn in an environment that is both safe and goal driven. We both set goals that are achievable challenges for students of varying abilities and characteristics.

We both also care about your child as whole. We both value their input, opinions and beliefs in class and try and incorporates their interest and hobbies into their learning environment in order for students to continue developing the key skills of becoming strong independent learners.

Covid-19

Although we are almost back to normal we have been directed to encourage parents and caregivers to not enter the buildings or gather in large groups outside. If parents need to see me for any reason, I am usually present in the yard at 8:40 each morning or as an alternative we can arrange a convenient time.

Due to the disruption at the start of the year, we are still working hard in Pod 1 to catch up, revise and build on our learning. Therefore, we encourage students to come to school and not miss days consistently. It is also a pleasure to have each member of Pod 1 present as all members are missed when away.

Important Events

August 4

Stephanie Alexander

August 13

Science Incursion

August 14

Pod 1 Assembly

August 17 - 21.

Science week

August 31

Pupil free day.

August 31 – September 4

Child Protection week.

September 8

Stephanie Alexander

September 25

Last day of Term

Camp.

Camp has been booked for later this term, however it is not confirmed as of yet whether this is going ahead. We are encouraging parents to pay if their child is planning to attend. If camp has to be cancelled, then a full refund will be given. Students are also to be reminded that they have signed an expectations contract that they need to uphold over all subjects.

Our Learning

English:

At the beginning of the term we will be looking at Newspaper articles both written and electronic. We will be continuing with our Guided reading focused around the skills we need to recap on and a literacy program in which we continue to extend our vocabulary. Later on, in the term we will be consolidating basic conventions of writing, editing and publishing.

Mathematics

We will begin the term with a recap of number as well as measurement in which we specifically focus on conversions. We will finish the term on exploring angles and algebra. In order to make this relevant will focus on effective strategies for ourselves and applying this to real life contexts.

Science

In Science, we will be investigating physical sciences; we will be exploring forces in the world around us.

HASS

We will continue to explore ancient civilisations specifically Ancient Rome. We will also be exploring Geography looking at 'Water in our World' and the Water cycle.

Health

In Health, we will be focussing on playing sports during fitness such as Netball. We will also be continuing with the child protection curriculum.

Art

In Art, we will be continuing with the visual aspect and abstract art. We will also be exploring dances through the decades with Mikaela.

Japanese

In Japanese students will be learning how to talk and write about their own family and participating in the moon viewing celebrations.

Technology.

In Technology students will be exploring the human activities and behaviours that are impacting the world's ocean environments, Students will also be looking in how they can use data to make informed choices.

About Miss. M

My name is Bethany Materne and I will be in your child's class for the next 4 weeks of Term 3. I am familiar with the school and have had the pleasure of teaching some of your children throughout this year both through relief work and with Pod 2B for five weeks. I have recently graduated from the University of South Australia with a Primary and Middle Education degree. I would firstly like to say what a pleasure it has been in having your child in the last week of Term 2 and commend them on their maturity and responsibility. During the next 4 weeks, if you have any need to contact me, the best form to do this is through my email:

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I look forward to working with both yourself and your child during this time.

Thanks, Miss. M.

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