

POD 1 TERM 1 NEWSLETTER



Dear parents/caregivers,

I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Dane Oppert and I will be your child's classroom teacher. I am very excited at the prospect of working with the new and returning students in Pod 1. As a teacher I approach learning by fostering quality relationships and creating an environment that values student opinions and beliefs, in turn this leads to a successful, safe and challenging learning environment. I am optimistic, positive and I genuinely care about student wellbeing, success and happiness.

I set learning goals that provide achievable challenges for students of varying abilities and characteristics. Furthermore I find learning which is connected to real world experiences critically important in student learning. I strive to incorporate student's interest where possible to further engage and encourage.

I have high expectations of all students in my class. As students progress through life it is important that they are able to develop the key skills to become strong independent learners. Learners who are responsible for their own actions and have the ability to actively problem solve when situations arise. Therefore a lot of work will be done with students to help them develop the keys skills required to be responsible in managing their own time and meeting the high expectations expected of them.

Subjects we will be covering this term:

English: Will be looking at creating complex narratives as well as building on our understanding around persuasive writing. There will also be a recap and consolidation of the basic conventions of writing, editing and publishing.

Mathematics: This term we will be recapping and consolidating general number knowledge, money and financial mathematics, Chance and using Units of Measurement.

Science: We will be investigating 'Chemical Sciences'.

The Arts: This term students will begin to explore how music is made and the components of rhythm, pitch and form symbols and terminology to compose and perform music.

HASS: For History we will be looking into 'The Ancient Past'. We will also begin a introductory unit on Civics and Citizenship.

Child Protection Curriculum: Students will be attending the important Growth and Development sessions facilitated by Kidz Biz Education.

Health: We will have important daily fitness as well as building skills in structured play via dedicated P.E lessons.

Homework: Students are expected to read every night for fifteen minutes. Students will also have tasks to finish that they have not been completed in class. There will also be inquiry questions for students to answer via home research periodically over the duration of the year.

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Important Dates

Please Remember!

This term will be a very busy term and will include events such as:

- Acquaintance night - 14th of February
- Growth and Development- 17th and the 24th of February
- Hockey Clinic- 21st of February
- Adelaide Cup- 13th of March
- Harmony Day- 21st of March
- Squash Clinic- 21st of March to the 11th of April (Each Tuesday after lunch).
- Sports Day – 17th of April
- Last Day of Term- 13th of April

Uniform

Please ensure that your child has on appropriate sun smart clothing that complies with the schools Dress Code Policy. Students need to have access to an appropriate sun smart school hat.

Contact

Please feel free to contact me at school if you have any questions or issues relating to your child's learning and wellbeing. I am a free most days after school, except for Tuesday. If you wish to contact me to arrange a meeting or phone call please feel free to contact me via the school or email. My email is Dane.Oppert781@schools.sa.edu.au

Class Motto: *Work Hard and Be Kind*