

WELCOME BACK POD 2A

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2, in what will be a brilliant term. Hopefully everyone is rested up and ready for the business of Term 2. Firstly, I would like to say what an amazing job each member did with their Persuasive writing task. Across the board the average rose from 287 to 370, every single member improved from last year's score. Well done!

Despite this being a term when we are having NAPLAN and a Review visit; our aim as a school is to help students develop holistically-wellbeing and safety being a priority as well as learning. Wellbeing is vital as it teaches us to be lifelong learners, take a more positive view and be able to care for ourselves so that we can the best we can be.

In the classroom, we will be continuing to learn how we can work and be a team. This will mean that we engage in more social tasks and how to engage positively. We will be focussing on being safe and what this looks like. There is zero tolerance for students being unsafe or making decisions that unfairly impact others.

In the learning environment I want to continue to create learners that are independent and feel safe to take risks and ask questions. It is important for us to remember that we are ongoing learners. The learning pit is a great visual for showing this and will be used this term to help create resilience.

I am excited to take on this term with such an awesome class that has so much potential.

Thankyou, Miss M.

OUR LEARNING

As a school we aim to provide clear learning goals and direction for students on a short term and long-term basis. This will be met by providing clear learning intentions. Often, we use the acronym

WALT – 'We are learning to.....'. Students will be successful when they can meet their success criteria and can answer **WILF** – What I'm looking for.

Writing: We will be refining our writing around Persuasive devices and how to write an effective arguing paragraph. In Narratives we will be focussing on character and setting description.

Reading: For Reading we will be looking at skills that we need to implement during our reading to be a good reader. We will also be working on becoming a balanced reader through focussing on comprehension and the different question types and how to answer them.

Mathematics: This term we will be focussing on the Measurement and Geometry strand, this will incorporate: length, mass, capacity and area. We will also be looking at angles as well. We also will be continuing to consolidate our number knowledge.

Science: This term we will be looking at Biological science and how living things structurally adapt to help them survive.

HASS: This term we will be looking at Geography focussing on sustainability and the environment.

Health: We will begin our Child protection curriculum by looking at safety and how we can put this into our play and lives.

Art: In art we will be looking at perspectives and doing an artist study.

CONTACT

If you need to contact me in regards to your child. I will be able to respond to messages on Seesaw between 8:30 - 4:00. I will try and respond as quickly as possible to you. If something is going to affect your child's absences such as leaving early or full day absences, please send me a message or ring the school so we can record this.

WORK HARD, BE KIND, GO THE EXTRA MILE.

EXPECTATIONS

My expectations will remain the same as last term. Our aim as a class is to continue to make a learning environment where each member feels **safe**. As a class will continue to be **respecting** every single member who works within and is in our class as well as the environment, we learn in.

My expectations will remain high as I expect improvement from everyone within the class as this an achievable and personal goal. My aim is for every member to feel challenged and stretched so that they can develop skills they will need as lifelong learners.

As a class, we have agreed to take ownership of our learning and will make decisions that is best for that. I expect **maximum effort** from everyone. I want to continue to create a safe environment in which students can take risks with their learning and receive extra support if they need some additional help. **Feedback** will also be a major focus within the class to firstly focus on the positive then on how they can continue to 'stretch'. Feedback is most effective when it is from a variety of different sources (self-feedback, peer feedback and teacher feedback). We will be practising our feedback so that this can be effective.

ATTENDANCE

In order for your child to be as successful as possible, attendance is crucial. As a School we have an aim of **95% attendance**. Attendance is affected by **late arrivals and missing days** of school. School starts every day at 8:55am with learning beginning at this time also. As a school we have agreed to begin with a literacy block that is tailored to meet each year level. By missing the start, the students miss out on hearing the explicit instruction and this impacts their time to complete their learning to their highest potential.

HOMEWORK

Students will be given a reading log this term. The expectation is that students will read for 20 minutes every night. This will assist in students learning and there has been many positive benefits linked to reading every day. If your child is on readers, reading with yourself or someone else will benefit them greatly. Students will also be required to answer a comprehension question of their choice related to their reading. This will need to be completed Monday through to Thursday.

Although reading will be set, if students do not complete the set work in class to a high standard this will also become homework. I will allow students an adequate amount of time in class to complete this and it teaches students to be responsible and manage their time effectively.

COVID 19

As advised by the Department of Health, we are still being encouraged to social distance when possible. This will also mean that we are asking parents to remain outside the school buildings. All adults will also need to sign-in manually or use the QR code to assist in contact tracing if they are coming through the front office.

If your child is feeling unwell, we will also ask for parents to keep their child home and not send them to school. Students will also have access to hand sanitiser and a place within the wet area to wash their hands.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2 2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	26/4 ANZAC Day observed.	27/4 First Day of Term	28/4 Photo Day.	29/4	30/4 Photo catch up day.
2	3/5	4/5	5/5 Mr. Sims Observation.	6/5	7/5
3	10/5	11/5 NAPLAN Begins Governing Council	12/5	13/5	14/5
4	17/5	18/5	19/5	20/5	21/5 NAPLAN Ends. Assembly.
5	24/5 External Review	25/5 Stephanie Alexander.	26/5 Sorry Day Stephanie Alexander. Miss. M away.	27/5 Reconciliation week. Miss. M away	28/5
6	31/5 Reconciliation week.	1/6	2/6	3/6 Miss. M away	4/6 Evacuation. Miss. M away
7	7/6	8/6	9/6	10/6 Mr. Sims Observation.	11/6 Pupil Free Day
8	14/6 Queen's Birthday	15/6 Governing Council.	16/6	17/6	18/6 Assembly
9	21/6	22/6	23/6	24/6	25/6
10	28/6	29/6	30/6	1/7 Reports go home.	2/7 Last Day of Term. Early Finish.