

Pod 2A Term 2 Newsletter 2017

Welcome to term 2 2017 in Pod 2a. Again this term I will be working in the class Monday to Thursday this term for week 1 through to 6. Angela Princi will work in the class on Fridays for week 1 to 6, and will then be in the class full time for weeks 7,8,9 and 10, whilst I am on long service leave, visiting my son in Europe. On Fridays Angela will continue to cover science, technology and STEM, and then will take over the whole classroom program for the last 4 weeks of term . Mrs Costello has returned from maternity leave, and will take the class for one lesson a week in Media Arts.

Homework

Homework will be given out each Monday, and will be due by Thursday morning. Please encourage your child to ensure that they plan their time so that the weekly homework unit is completed, and ready to hand in on time. Homework not done and ready to hand in on Thursday will need to be done (at recess, lunch, independent time or eating time) before we mark together Thursday afternoon. As well as the weekly Home Study unit each child also has a weekly word list to learn (both spelling and meaning of the words) for the weekly test on Thursday. For the remainder of the year there will also be a Table of the Week which it is expected that students will ensure they learn.

Diary/Absences

All students have a diary and are expected to fill in the week's homework Please sign the diary each week on the bottom line. If your child is absent please send a note or ring/text the school giving the reason (illness or family) . This note may be written in the diary.

Soccer

Students will be involved in 4 weekly skill development sessions this term.

Valley View High School STEM visit

On Wednesday 7th of June we will spend the day at Valley View High School for a full day of practical workshops with a focus on STEM. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

Camp

Pod 2a will be going on a 2 night camp to Arbury Park on the 6th, 7th and 8th of November with Pod3 and Pod 1 Currently 20 students from our class have indicated they will be attending.

Dates to remember for Term 2

Wednesday	3/5	School Photographs	Thursday	8/6	Soccer Clinic
Tuesday	8/5	NAPLAN	Monday	12/6	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Wednesday	9/5	NAPLAN	Tuesday	13/6	Mrs K starts Long Service Leave
Thursday	10/5	NAPLAN	Thursday	15/6	Soccer Clinic
Thursday	25/5	Soccer Clinic	Monday	26/6	Student Free Day (proposed)
Thursday	1/6	Soccer Clinic	Monday	3/7	Start of NAIDOC Week
Wednesday	7/6	STEM Day			

English

In English this term there will be a strong focus on developing vocabulary, spelling tests will be for spelling and meaning of the words on individual lists. This term there will also continue to be a focus on the structure of various texts. We will also continue to look at the grammatical aspects of writing. In writing we will be looking at what makes a good sentence with a specific focus on punctuation, grammar and developing complex sentences to expand ideas. Reading groups will focus on further development of inferential reading strategies, and read aloud skills, with a particular focus on reading with expression. Each student will have to re-visit their reading goals and identify a goal to achieve by the end of term two. These reading goals will be monitored and assessed as the term progresses.

Maths

In maths we will explore different problem solving strategies and incorporate these into our daily work. The students will be exposed to a variety of problematized real life problems. There will be daily mental routines to develop strategies which enable quick mental calculations. SSOs will work with small groups or individuals who require more assistance in various areas of the maths curriculum. Topics covered this term will include factors and multiples of whole numbers, decimals, fractions and percentages, prime composite and square numbers, integers and number lines, addition and subtraction of fractions, comparing and ordering decimals, finding unknown quantities in equivalent number sentences, choosing appropriate units to measure, cartesian co-ordinates system, using a protractor to measure angles and prisms and pyramids.

Health and PE

- We have a daily fitness program with an emphasis on ball and team skills.
- There will be a series of soccer skill workshops over a 4 week period later this term
- Planning and practising strategies that promote health safety and well being

Design and Technology/STEM

Miss Princi will cover this area of study within the classroom on Fridays. Students will also be involved in a series of workshops at Valley View High School with a focus on space and flight.

The Arts

Students will

- Develop and apply techniques and processes
- Consider personal viewpoints on artworks and justify
- Explain influences of other artists on their own work

Geography

- Location of the major countries of Europe and North America and their relation to Australia
- The influence of people on the environmental characteristics of places and compare

Science

This subject area is covered mainly by Miss Princi and I will also include related work in the area of reading comprehension and writing.

Earth and Space Primary Connections

- Questioning and predicting
- Planning and conducting,
- Processing and analysing data and information.