

# TERM ONE NEWSLETTER

POD 2A – YEAR 4/5 | MIKAELA CACCIOTTI

## Welcome Back!

Dear families,

Hello and welcome back to the new year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are ready to tackle this year with a positive attitude! I would like to introduce myself; my name is Mikaela Cacciotti, and this will be my fourth-year teaching and my first year here at Ingle Farm East! I am really looking forward to working with all the students in Pod 2A, developing routines, and having a fun and productive year! Below is some information that you might find useful!

## Drink Bottles

It is encouraged that every student brings a drink bottle to school. They are welcome to keep their bottles on their desk during the day. If the bottle is frozen, if possible, could you please wrap the bottle in a flannel or small towel to stop the bottle from leaking once thawed out. **Water only during learning time, please.** Juices or cordials are to be kept in their lunch boxes.

## Homework

Homework will be handed out on Monday afternoon and will be due Friday morning. The homework will reflect aspects of what we have been learning in class.

## Healthy Snack

Everyday at 10am, the students will be given a 'healthy snack' break. It is encouraged that students bring healthy snacks such as fruits or veggies (yoghurt may be brought as well).

## Class Dojo

Please ensure that you have signed up to our Class Dojo – this is where any important dates or notices will be posted as well as access to contacting me, should you have any issues or enquiries.

## Important Dates for Term One

### Acquaintance Night

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February (Week 2).

### Footsteps

Starts Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February (Week 2, 3, 4 5 & 6)

### Pod 2A Assembly

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February (Week 4).

### School Closure

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February (Week 5)

### School Birthday Celebration

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February and  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March (Week 3).

### Sports Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March (Week 9).

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Monday – Friday Week 10

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## English

Our English unit will cover the essential skills including reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing. We will be covering different features from language, literacy and literature. This term, our text type will be narratives and linking it to our school's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations! We will explore different genres within narrative writing. We will also be focusing on grammar, punctuation and sentence structure once a week.

Our guided reading program will occur daily, along with our word work to help improve our spelling and vocabulary skills.

## Mathematics

This term we will be exploring both the Year 4 and 5 curriculums, ensuring we understand what is expected of us in Pod 2A. We will also be exploring how we as a class would like to learn Maths, while working on our Mental Routines and reflections. We will start to look at how we round numbers to tens of thousands, addition, subtraction as well as translations, rotations, reflections, enlargements and symmetry,

## NIT Subjects

The students will attend four NIT subjects throughout the week. Monday afternoons they will attend Japanese with Sensei Phi. Tuesday's and Wednesday's will be Technologies with Ms Princi, P.E, with Mr. Baker on Thursday and The Arts on Friday with myself.

I look forward to the journey ahead and seeing what the students of Pod 2A can accomplish this year!

Kind regards,

Mikaela Cacciotti

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## HASS

HASS is comprised of three units, history, civics and citizenship and geography. This term, we will be focusing on history with looking at the first fleet as well as the history of our school in preparation for our birthday.

We will also look into geography, focusing on Africa and South America, Europe and North America.

## SCIENCE

Pod 2A will be learning science with Ms. Princi la on a Thursday afternoon. This term we will be studying Biological Sciences, with a focus on the life cycle!

## HEALTH

Health will occur once a week, on a Thursday with Ms. Princi. This term's focus will be maintaining relationships.

## VISUAL ARTS

As part of the Arts, we will be looking at art from around the world and how different artists, past and present made their impact on the world!