

# Pod 2A Term 3 Newsletter 2017

Welcome to term 3, 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.

## 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. Each child also has a personalised weekly word list to learn 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.

## Community Programme

Pod 2a is participating in a community initiative with Gloucester Residential Care. We will be visiting for an activities on the first Tuesday of each month. Students will be involved with the residents in a variety of activities including table tennis, quoits, art, craft and board and card games. We have already had our first visit which was enjoyed by both the students and residents, and we are looking forward to our next visit on the 5th of September.

## 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 22 students from our class have indicated they will be attending.

## Interviews

Interviews for term 3 will be held in week 9. These interviews are by request either from you the parent, or from us the teachers. A note will come home in the next few weeks.

### Dates to remember for Term 3

Tuesday	1/8	Gloucester Home visit	Monday	4/9	Pupil Free Day
Monday	7/8	Hockey Clinic	Tuesday	5/9	Gloucester Home visit
Friday	11/8	Stephanie Alexander Kitchen	Thursday	7/9	District Athletics Day
Friday	18/8	Pod 2a's assembly	Friday	25/9	Stephanie Alexander
Monday	21/8	Book Week commences			
Tuesday	22/8	Super Duper performance			
Wednesday	23/8	Book Week Fair			
Friday	25/8	Book Week Assembly/dress up			

## English

In writing the focus will be on proof-reading and editing texts, and improving them to produce quality interesting texts. This will involve choosing correct framework, using appropriate language and grammar, adding detail, adding advanced punctuation, checking spelling and tense. Reading groups will focus on further development of inferential reading strategies, and read aloud skills, with focus on reading with expression. Each student will have re-visit their reading goals and identify a goal to achieve by the end of term 3. 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 will include 24 hour time, reading and creating timetables, mental division strategies, long division, prime composite and square numbers, integers and number lines, finding unknown quantities in equivalent number sentences, choosing appropriate units to measure, plotting and locating on cartesian co-ordinates system, identifying and classifying angles and using a protractor to measure angles. Maths will also link into the HASS subject Economics and Business and will incorporate Making choices and Shopping Decisions.

## Health and PE

- We have a daily fitness program with an emphasis on ball and team skills.
- There will be a hockey workshop 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.

## 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
- This term we will cover both visual arts and music in the classroom
- Mrs Costello will continue with her Media Arts program

## Geography

**Exploring different cultures**– topics to be covered include

World Populations, Differences Between Nations, Health and Life Expectancy, Energy Consumption

## 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.

Primary Connections

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