

Pod 1 and Pod 2B –Term 1 Newsletter

Dear parents/caregivers,

This year there are two year six-seven classes. Dane (Mr O) will be teaching POD 1 and Jason (Mr Bates) will be teaching PD 2B. Dane and Jason are both very excited at the prospect of working with new and returning students. As teachers they 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. They are optimistic, positive and both genuinely care about student wellbeing, success and happiness.

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

Dane and Jason have high expectations of all students in year six and seven. As your child/ren 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.

Thank you

Important Dates

Please Remember These Dates

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

- **Acquaintance Night-6/2**
- **Pod 1 Assembly-9/2**
- **Footsteps Disco-20/2-AGM MEETING**
- **Pupil Free Day-26/2**
- **National Day Against Bullying and Violence-16/3**
- **Parent Teacher Interviews- Week 8 (19/3)**
- **Harmony Day-21/3**
- **Good Friday-30/3**
- **Easter Monday-2/4**
- **Sportsday-6/4**
- **Start Smart-10/4**
- **Last Day of Term-13/4**

Work Hard and Be Kind

Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are writing to inform you about the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC) that your child will be learning over the next three terms. We will be delivering the program as we have received explicit training in the Curriculum. It is a Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) responsibility under the Children's Protection Act (1993) and the Child Protection in Schools, Early Childhood Education and Care Services policy to ensure that effective abuse prevention programs are implemented and that all children and young people have access to the approved child protection curriculum. Although parent permission is not required under the Education Act (1972), We encourage parents/caregivers to seek further clarification if required and to provide us with any relevant information about your child that could alleviate any concerns.

The **KS:CPC** is an evidence based, best practice curriculum developed collaboratively with child protection specialists, teachers, educational leaders and other professionals. It covers a range of topics including new additional material on current issues such as bullying and cyber safety.

What are we Learning?

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 and using units of measurement.

Science: We will be investigating Chemical Science and Biological Science.

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

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

Contact Us!

Please feel free to contact Dane or Jason at school if you have any questions or issues relating to your child's learning and wellbeing. They are free most days after school, except for Tuesday. If you wish to contact either Dane or Jason to arrange a meeting or phone call, please feel free to contact them via the school or email.

Their emails are Dane.Oppert781@schools.sa.edu.au and Jason.Bates153@schools.sa.edu.au

Thank you.