

2CT Term 1 Newsletter

Mathematics:

- Dates on a calendar
- Time –duration of events
- Counting forwards and backwards by 1,2 and 5
- Mental strategies for addition
- Rhythmic skip counting by 1,2,5 and 10
- Parallel, vertical and horizontal lines
- Estimate and measure length
World of Maths incursion on 19th March

English:

Reading and Viewing:

The children will read and review a variety of texts related to the Science and Geography themes.



Speaking and Listening:

This term the children will be asked to present one topic talk. More details to follow.

Handwriting and Digital

Technologies:

We will concentrate on correct pencil grip and correct letter formation.

In the computer lab we will be focussing on correct keyboard skills and cyber safety.

Writing and Representing:

The focus for this term is imaginative writing.

Spelling:

Your child will bring home their list of spelling words on Monday and will be assessed on Friday.

Library:

Our library day is Monday. Children are also encouraged to visit the Gordon Library on a regular basis.

“By reading most nights, children will learn from people they have never met, spend time with people from another century and have a mental image of a town never visited.”

Richard Glover

PDHPE:

Children will be required to wear their sports uniform on Wednesday and Friday this term.

Science:

Schoolyard Safari:

By observing the features and behaviour of small animals, students glimpse the diversity of animal life. Students will explore small animals leading to a better understanding of how their adaptations help them survive in their habitats. Through investigations, students learn how animals move, feed and protect themselves.



Geography:

Features of Places: Children will investigate the features of a place and how we care for that special place. They will explore how spaces within places can be used for different purposes.

History:

Present and Past Family Life: How has family life changed or remained the same over time? How do we describe the sequence of time?



Homework:

This term each child will be required to learn spelling words, read each night, access Mathletics and Reading Eggs. We will speak more about this at the Parent Information Night in Week 5.

The Arts and Entertainment:

Drama lessons:

Rachel Small from the Sydney Theatre Company will conduct the lessons on Monday.

Oz Opera will perform The Magic Flute on March 7.

Stage 1 Choir: Children have been invited to attend choir on a Monday from 8:40. Attendance at the choir is a commitment for all year.

Visual Arts:

The artists we will be studying this term are Paul Klee and Matisse. The children will also create a 3D sculpture, a collage and they will also develop their printing skills.



Fashion

Be seen in Green!
Bling is not in!

Travel: This term we have planned an excursion to North Head on February 28. The excursion is related to our science unit this term being Bugs to Bandicoots.

Food:

In our health lessons, we will discuss what constitutes a healthy meal.



TV Guide:

On the occasional wet day we will watch Backyard Science.

GEPS Gossip:

Easter Hat Parade on 29th March.



Business & Finance:

Term 1 Invoices are due by 2nd March, 2018. Please contact Ms Simmonds if you wish to discuss payment of the invoice at your earliest convenience.

Assembly:

Assembly will be held on Fridays at 2.00p.m. Our assembly performance will be on 23rd March. All welcome.

PBEL Weekly Focus Timeline:

Weeks 1 and 6: Saying please and thank you.

Communicating with courtesy links to being respectful.

Weeks 2 and 7: Movement around the school. This links to being safe.

Weeks 3 and 8: Being prepared each day with the correct equipment. This links to being a learner.

Weeks 4 and 9: Listening and communicating positively and with courtesy. This links with being respectful.

Weeks 5 and 10: Caring for personal belongings. This links with being respectful.

These values are taught in the classroom to help our students to develop a love of learning:

- pursue excellence and high standards
- develop care and respect for themselves and others
- take pride in their work
- exhibit a strong sense of fairness and social justice

- have respect for and understanding of Australia's history including the cultures and experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first peoples of Australia, and Australia as a multicultural society
- have an appreciation of Australia's history and multicultural society
- actively participate as citizens.

All students are expected to:

- attend school every day
- be in class on time and prepared to learn
- maintain a neat appearance and follow the school uniform policy
- behave safely, considerately and responsibly including when travelling to and from school
- follow class rules, speak courteously and cooperate with instructions and learning activities
- treat staff, other students and members of the school community with dignity and respect
- care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others

Letters to the Editors

If you have any concerns or questions feel free to drop in or email us on linda.chape@det.nsw.edu.au and michelle.tingle@det.nsw.edu.au