



Term 3 2017

Junior School Newsletter

Welcome to Term 3!

This term is filled with many fun and engaging learning experiences as part of English, Mathematics, Inquiry, Circus Skills, Performance, Sport, Music and Art. The programs, curriculum and events planned for your children for the term are outlined for you in this Newsletter.

Kind Regards,
The Junior School Team

Curriculum News

Mathematics

Year 1 will primarily focus on money, mapping, graphing, shape names, shape features, measurement, fractions and outcomes of familiar events involving chance. Counting by 1s, skip counting, addition, subtraction and extending knowledge of place value will continue to be developed throughout the term.

Year 2 will primarily focus on multiplication, division and fractions, conducting pre-tests to determine what students know, form groups accordingly and provide targeted teaching sessions across the cohort. Extending place value, skip counting from various starting points, adding and subtracting numbers automatically will continue to be developed throughout the term. Other mathematical areas that will be covered include; time, temperature, location, using informal and formal units to compare measurements, symmetrical patterns, shape transformations, data collecting and classifying.



Upcoming Events

Week 1-8:

Little Devils Circus Skills

Week 2:

Geography Incursion – Yarra Riverkeeper Assoc. (Thurs. 27/7)

Week 3:

Geography Excursion – Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium Excursion (Wed. 2/8)

Week 4:

3-Way Student Conferences
9am - 7.30pm (Thurs. 10/8)
Variation to school hours day

Week 5:

Book week dress up, Parade & morning Assembly (Fri. 18/8)

Week 6:

Book Week speakers (Thurs. 24/8)

Week 7:

Father's Day Breakfast & Father's Day Stall (Thurs. 31/8)

Week 8:

Little Devils at school Rehearsal (Mon. 4/9)
Little Devils Whole School Rehearsal & Performance (Wed. 6/9)

Week 10:

Footy Day & early dismissal at 2.30pm (Fri. 22/9)

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English

In Reading, Year 1 and 2 will focus on making connections with the books read to their personal lives, to the world and to other books. Students will make predictions, recall information, make inferences, summarise texts and ask questions about the characters and events. Students will continue to focus on their reading fluency and expression in guided reading and shared reading experiences.

In Writing, Year 1 will focus on personal recounts, imaginative narratives and poetry. Students will continue to edit and revise their writing for meaning, vocabulary and punctuation. Year 2 will focus on poetry, descriptions, explanations and exploring narrative folk tales, legends and myths. Students will continue to revise, edit and redraft their writing for meaning, structure, vocabulary and punctuation.

In Speaking and Listening, Year 1 and 2 students will participate in pair, group and class experiences. Students will engage in questioning and clarifying situations with their peers. Students will continue to be encouraged in expressing knowledge and sharing ideas and their point of view. Students will experiment with voice volume, pace and gestures during presentations, discussions and story retelling.

Inquiry - Geography

Our Geography Inquiry unit is, 'Oh, the Places You'll Go!' During this unit of work we hope to develop the students' sense of wonder, curiosity and respect for places, people, cultures and environments. The students will play an important role in designing this Inquiry. They will problem solve by finding and sorting through information about natural environments in Australia and around the world. The students will investigate the distinct features of different environments and how they are connected to these places (locally and globally).

As part of the students' Geography learning, they will experience:

- a school incursion presented by the Yarra Riverkeeper Association and
- an excursion to Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium



Home Learning

Please take the time to read the requirements of your child's Home Learning Rubric for Term 3.

Please sign and return the Home Learning Rubric to your child's class teacher on the following Fridays:

- Friday 4th August
- Friday 18th August
- Friday 1st September
- Friday 15th September



Special Programs

Little Devils Circus Skills and Performance

The children commenced the Little Devils Circus Skills Program at the end of Term 2. Over the course of the program students will participate in a total of 8 Little Devils Circus Skills sessions. Each session is forty minutes in duration. The children will experience and develop skills in a range of circus skills including the diabolo, twirling ribbons, hula hoops, devil sticks, etc... They will also learn different balancing positions. The circus skills sessions and learning culminate in a whole school Little Devils Concert on **Wednesday 6th September**.



Message from the Junior School Team...

We look forward to another productive and enjoyable term and as always, please do not hesitate to contact us in person or via the following email addresses:

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A little snapshot of the History Inquiry – ‘Unplugged – Then and Now’...



A little snapshot of Coding...



A little snapshot of Billy Cart rides and Crazy Hair Day...

