



Year 1-2 Team Newsletter Term 1 2021

Dear Families,

After a difficult year last year, we are working hard to help our students achieve their learning goals and are excited about the year ahead. This year our team consists of Leah Anderson, Lee Rieksts, Sharon McCormack and Tracey Pulford.

An important part of our learning includes using iPads in the classroom when appropriate. Can you please ensure your child brings their iPad to school fully charged everyday with the following apps installed: Raz Kids, Reading Eggs and Mathletics. If your child's iPad is not connected to the school Wifi, they must bring their iPad to school next Tuesday, 16th March when the technician is at school.

CURRICULUM: This term we are focussing on the following areas:

MATHS	READING	WRITING	SPELLING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place value • Counting • Measurement - length 	Comprehension strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prediction and Prior Knowledge • Visualising Decoding new words <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blending letter-sounds • Predicting words that make sense • Rereading and reading on to check for accuracy 	Building sentences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Using Colourful Semantics</i> • Punctuation • Sequencing sentences in narrative texts, including a problem and solution 	Building words with <i>Sounds Write</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying the sounds of each letter to allow students to further improve their reading and spelling.

HARMONY WEEK 15th - 21st March 2021

The students will be participating in a number of whole school events. Please refer to the school newsletter for further information.

On Wednesday, 17th March we are having an Orange Harmony Head day - students can come to school with anything orange on their head or in their hair. Students are asked to bring a coin donation which will support fundraising for the Royal Children's Hospital.

CHILDWISE Personal Safety Program

We will be undertaking the ChildWise program again this year that supports personal safety and the National Day against Bullying. We will also focus on the following areas:

- Building team strength through cooperative games
- Everyone is Different
- My Individuality

INQUIRY UNIT of STUDY

This term we have been learning about Communities. Students are investigating what makes up a Community and how Community members and services can help us. Students will explore the design and construction of sustainable buildings.

This term or early next term, the students will be participating in a local walking excursion to support their learning about this inquiry unit of study.

Upcoming Events

- School Photos Friday, 12th March
- Harmony Week 15th - 21st March
- Harmony Sports Day Friday, 19th March