



Welcome to
Term Two!

Dear Stage One families,

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday break. Here is some information to start us off..

Week One: Wednesday - School Photos

Friday – Cross Country for Yrs 3-6 and those turning 8 years old this year

Week Three: Tuesday – Year One excursion to Bobbin Head

Wednesday – Year Two excursion to Bobbin Head

Week Five: Monday – Athletics Carnival for Yrs 3-6 and those turning 8 this year

- Life Education starts and continues into Week 6

Weeks 4-5: Public Speaking Class Competition

Week 6: Public Speaking Grade Final

NEWS WEEKS 1 – 6 This term the school will again be holding the **Public Speaking Competition**.

Term One saw us easing into school life with less formal news for those who wanted to share something. This term we will be focusing on the strategies of speaking to an audience eg using a clear voice, maintaining eye contact, using interesting describing words/topics to keep our listeners engaged.

We will be practising these skills during class news time and for Stage One we will follow the following timeline:

Week 1 – Students will discuss in class and choose a topic from the ‘General Topics’ list (on attached note) and write speech (1-2 minutes). Please help your child to practise regularly at home.

Weeks 2, 3 and 4 – Practise speech in front of class at news time. In class support to teach and develop the strategies.

Week 5 – Class ‘speak-off’ to determine the class representative to compete in the grade ‘speak-off’

Week 6 – The grade final will be held.

WEEKS 7 - 10 NEWS TOPICS (Class teachers will let students know when their day is)

Week 7 - Bring a favourite photo to class. Tell us about when and where it was taken, who took it and what makes it your favourite.

Week 8 - Write about one of your most interesting toys. Describe it, explain how it works and what makes it so interesting (you can bring in the toy to show).

Week 9 - News – Own choice of topic.

Week 10 - Write about what your family is planning to do during the school holidays. We'd love to hear about it.

A few reminders

- Please make sure that notes are provided for **absences** within 7 days after the absence has occurred. This can be done on a paper note or via the SchoolZine app.
- Please make sure that ALL of your child's property is clearly **labelled**, including clothing and classroom materials.
- **Birthdays.** Iceblocks are always welcome (and preferred as they are individually wrapped and avoid most allergies). For your convenience these can be ordered through Flexischools Canteen ordering and will be delivered to the classroom by the canteen.
Please don't send in a cake to be cut into enough pieces for the whole class. If you have ever tried to do this you will know it is an impossible (and very messy) task!
- **Library and Home Readers** Students need to bring their library bags and home reader bags to school every week.
All students should be reading at home every day. We have hundreds of newly purchased home readers for the children to borrow. Please ensure your child is borrowing at least once a week. Don't forget the Home Reading Log for reading awards!
- **SPORT** will continue to be held on a **FRIDAY**. Can all children please wear their sports uniform on this day.

Thank you

From the Stage One teachers

