

**2022 Stage 2**

**Term 1 Newsletter**

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 1. We have a very exciting term planned and we are looking forward to getting back into our learning program, with plenty of fun.

THE NEW ‘NORMAL’

Our priorities for your child is their well-being and to continue their love of learning. We understand that there will be some children who are very excited to come back to school but others may be a little anxious. Please let your child know that we are here to help them and will be making their time back at school fun and safe.

The Department of Education’s (DoE) directives are that we still need to reduce mingling between stages. Each stage will be designated playground spaces for recess and lunch time, so that there is no mingling across stages.

In the morning, the playground will be closed, so we ask that students do not arrive before 9:00. Again, this is to minimize the intermingling of students across stages. If they arrive earlier, they will proceed to the COLA and sit in class lines, until lessons commence at 9:10.

At the end of the day, students in Years 1-6 will be walked out from 3:00pm to the existing designated areas. Year 3 and 4 will assemble next to the music rooms and exit from the double gates on Park Street. Students making their own way home, catching a bus or attending after school care will remain with their class until 3:10pm when they will be dismissed by their teacher.

FACE MASKS

All staff members are required to wear a face mask whilst indoors. Masks for students are recommended, but are not required.

RAPID ANITIGEN TESTS (RAT)

Students are requested to complete a Rapid Antigen Test each Monday and Wednesday before attending school. If a student tests positive, parents must notify the school, report a positive outcome to Service NSW and isolate for 7 days.

SICK STUDENTS

The DoE has directed that students with any kind of symptoms, such as running noses, headaches etc. will need to stay at home. If they attend school and become sick, they will immediately be sent to the office and the office will ring the parent to collect the student as soon as possible. The student is to undertake either a PCR or a RAT. Additional RATs will not be provided by the school in this situation. Children will only be allowed to return to school once there are no further signs of any symptoms and the school receives proof of a negative test result.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child wears the correct full school summer uniform each day, including a hat. It is recommended that your child apply sunscreen before attending school. If your child is unable to wear the approved uniform items on the appropriate day, please send a note or speak to your class teacher.

CANTEEN

Canteen will operate as usual, with recess and lunch orders placed through Flexi Schools. There will be no over the counter sales.

COMMUNICATION

Please ensure that you are regularly checking Seesaw, as this is the main way teachers will communicate with the parents. Make sure you are also connected to the school’s app, ‘Schoolzine’, to receive newsletters and updates.

We are also looking for a class parent who can support communication to the class.

STAGE 2 LEARNING PROGRAM

English:

**Reading**: We will be consolidating comprehension strategies to assist our reading and understanding. The Literacy Pro program will continue this year.

**Writing:** Students will learn to write different types of texts and the purpose of a piece of writing. The focus for Term 1 will be persuasive writing and narrative writing.

**Speaking and Listening**: Students are encouraged to create speeches and ‘topic talks’ through Literacy groups and class discussions.

Mathematics:

In Maths, we begin the term with a focus on Whole Number followed by addition and subtraction strategies. In Stage 2, students will be required to know their timetables automatically, and the only way to learn these is to practise, practise, practise!!!

Science:

In Science, students will study the topic ‘Food and Fibre’.

History:

Students in Stage 2 will be studying ‘First Contacts’ beginning with Australian history prior to European settlement.

Technology and ICT:

Across all learning areas, students will be engaging with range of technologies using a class set of Chromebooks and iPads to enhance their learning and offer flexibility by working at students’ targeted levels.

PDHPE:

The theme for Personal Development this term is how having respect and empathy helps you and others. This will be undertaken through the ‘Second Step’ and ‘Smiling Mind’ programs.

Sport is on a Friday and we encourage students to wear our full sports uniform, including hats, to school. Students (if selected) participate in interschool sport at various venues. This year, interschool and school sport returns to Friday afternoons. Interschool Sport will commence in Week 5.

**Some Important Dates for Term 1:**

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| **Week 3** | Text book sales – Wednesday 9TH February  Library borrowing commences |
| **Week 4** | Homework begins  Meet the Teacher evening – 15th February TBC |
| **Week 5** | Interschool Sport commences – Friday 25th February |
| **Week 6** | Scripture Commences – Tuesday 1st March |
| **Week 7** | Swimming Carnival – Monday 7th March  Zone Swimming – Wednesday 9th March |
| **Week 8** | Year 4 Swim Scheme – Monday 14th March to Friday 18th March  Harmony Week – Monday 14th March to Monday 21st March |
| **Week 9** | Harmony Day – Monday 21st March  Parent/Teacher Interview Week |

**4P Timetable**

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| **Monday** | Mandarin with Mrs Chen  Music with Mrs Power | 1:40 – 2:25pm  2:25 – 3:10pm (3:00 at present) |
| **Wednesday**  **Thursday** | Music with Mrs Power  Library with Ms Garden | 12:00 – 12:45am  12:00 – 12:45 |
| **Friday** | Sport  Assembly | Afternoon session  Even weeks |

Thank you for all your help and support and we look forward to celebrating plenty of successes with your children in Term 1.

Mr Phillips, Mr Chapman, Mrs Horton, Miss Garden, Mrs Mayo & Mr Skinner

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