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Newsletter, Term 2

27th April 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 2. We have a great term planned and we are looking forward to achieving academic growth combined with lots of fun activities together. We really are excited to be working with your wonderful children!

Some Important Dates for Term 2

| Week 1: | Return to school | Wednesday, 27 th April |
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| | ANZAC Day Assembly | Wednesday, 27 th April |
| | Cross Country | Friday,29 th April |
| Week 3: | NAPLAN Yr 3 | |
| | Winter Interschool Sport begins | Friday, 13 th May |
| Week 4: | Public Speaking Competition Class Speak Offs | |
| Week 5: | Zone Cross Country | Thursday, 26 th May |
| Week 6: | Public Speaking Grade Speak Offs | |
| Week 7: | NEST Band Workshop | Thursday, 9 th June |
| Week 8: | Athletics Carnival | Tuesday, 14 th June |
| Week 9: | NEST Band Concert 7pm NSHS | Thursday, 23 rd June |
| Week 10: | Reports sent home | Monday, 27th June |
| | Stage 2 History, The Rocks | Wednesday, 29 th June |
| | Jump Rope for Heart | Thursday, 30th |

English

Speaking and Listening: Students will be creating speeches as part of homework for the annual Narrabeen Lakes Public Speaking Competition. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in the NSW Government <u>Multicultural Speaking Competition</u>. The *Class Speak Off will be held in Week 4 and the Grade Finals in Week 6*.

Reading: Students will engage in daily reading as well as Literacy Pro to improve reading fluency and comprehension skills.

Writing: In Term 2, students will focus on narratives and procedures. Spelling, grammatical features and punctuation conventions will also be taught daily using the Sound Waves spelling program.

Mathematics

In mathematics, we have a focus on Number, Algebra, Measurement, Geometry, Chance and Data. In Stage 2, students will be required to know their timetables and basic number facts (eg Friends of 10, 20, 30 etc) automatically, and the only way to learn these is to practise, practise, practise!!!

Science

In science, the focus area will be 'Contact and Non Contact Forces'- how we can use forces and energy in a product or a system.

History

Stage 2 will be studying 'First Contacts'. The focus for this term will be the reasons for exploration, the arrival of the First Fleet and the impacts of this on the indigenous population.

Technology and ICT

Across all learning areas, students will be engaging with a range of technologies to enhance their learning and offer flexibility by working at students' targeted levels. This includes Mathletics and Literacy Pro.

PDHPE

This term we will continue the Second Step program. In Week 8 we will begin whole school Peer Support program. These two programs will focus on having empathy for others and developing resilience in oneself. To compliment this, we will be implementing a mindfulness program called Smiling Minds.

Sport is on a Friday and students are to wear our full sports uniform, including hats, to school. Students (if selected) participate in PSSA sport at various venues. Interschool and school sport is each Friday afternoon. Interschool sport is due to commence in Week 3, Friday 13th April.

CAPA

Music will be taught each week by Mrs. Power. In visual arts students will be creating works based on portraiture, whilst experimenting with a variety of media. In drama, they will have opportunities to participate in role plays, games and activities which will encourage them to explore their dramatic side.

Homework

A fortnightly Homework Grid will be sent home on odd weeks, to be handed in on the Friday of the even week. Your child will be required to read for at least **20 minutes every night** and record this in their home reading log.

School Stationery

Please ensure your child's stationery supplies are topped up for this term. This includes 2 x HB lead pencils and 2 x 2B lead pencils for art. Please check that your child has working headphones and a mouse as these are required for NAPLAN.

Absences

Please send a note or an email upon students' return to school explaining the reason for their absence.

Keeping in touch

Stage 2 classes will continue to use the App 'Seesaw'. This is a secure method of sharing work with you.

Please contact the teachers regarding any concerns either by email or phoning the school on 9913 7077.

Kind regards,

Stephanie Horton, Jenny Garden, Liam Chapman

Rob Zappia **Principal**

Classroom Teachers