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Newsletter, Term 2 2023

Stage Two

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term Two at Narrabeen Lakes Public School! We hope you and your families had a relaxing break and are feeling refreshed and ready for another term of learning and growth. As we move into the second term of the school year, we are excited to continue supporting our Stage Two students in their academic and personal development. We have many exciting events, activities, and opportunities planned for the coming weeks and months, and we are looking forward to sharing them with you. As always, we appreciate your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. Let's work together to make this term a successful and rewarding one for our students.

Some Important Dates for Term 2:

Week 1	Homework Begins ANZAC Assembly – Wednesday 26 th April Cross Country – Friday 28 th April
Week 4	Public Speaking Competition begins – Monday 15 th May Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 19 th May
Week 5	Public Speaking Competition continues – Monday 22 nd May Cake Stall Fundraiser – Wednesday 24 th May Simultaneous Story Time – Wednesday 24 th May National Sorry Day – Friday 26 th May Zone Cross Country – Friday 26 th May
Week 6	Grade Public Speaking Final – Monday 29 th May
Week 7	Inter School Sport Gala Day – Friday 9 th June
Week 8	King's Birthday Public Holiday – Monday 12 th June Multicultural Public Speaking Regional Final – Wednesday 14 th June
Week 9	Life Education Van begins – Thursday 22 nd June
Week 10	Life Education Van continues – Monday 26 th June Semester One Reports sent home -

English:

Speaking and Listening: Students will be given the opportunity to present a speech on a range of topics as part of the Public Speaking Competition.

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

Writing: In Term 1, students will focus on producing narratives as well as exploring persuasive writing. Spelling, grammatical features and punctuation conventions will also be taught daily using the Sound Waves spelling program.

Spelling: Our approach to spelling instruction this year involves incorporating Sound Waves Spelling resources. This program is designed to equip students with a comprehensive set of skills and strategies to enhance their understanding of words and their mechanics. One of the primary objectives of Sound Waves Spelling is to familiarise students with

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phonemes or speech sounds, as well as their corresponding graphemes or written representations. Throughout the course of the program, your child will be introduced to 43 distinct sounds in Australian English, which are referred to as 'focus sounds'. By identifying the focus sound being taught each week, you can help your child identify words containing that sound.

Mathematics:

In mathematics, a key component of the learning process is working mathematically, which involves engaging in genuine mathematical activities such as problem-solving, reasoning, communication, and modeling. By working mathematically, students develop the skills to become flexible and creative users of mathematics, and gain a deeper understanding of concepts in Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, as well as Statistics and Probability. Through this approach, students can apply their mathematical knowledge to solve real-world problems and develop their capacity for critical thinking and analytical reasoning.

Science:

In Science, students will focus the concept of energy and its various forms, including heat, light, and electricity. They will investigate how energy is transferred and utilised in different ways. The unit emphasises critical and creative thinking skills, scientific vocabulary development, and collaborative practical work, which will enhance the students' personal and social capabilities.

History:

Students in Stage 2 will continue to learn about 'Community and Remembrance'. The first unit focuses on exploring the symbols and celebrations in Australia, including the origins of emblems and flags, and conducting an inquiry process on a significant Australian celebration. The second unit introduces students to global celebrations and commemorations and teaches historical concepts and skills such as significance, perspective, and empathy through collaborative learning and inquiry processes.

PDHPE:

Personal Development lessons will continue to explore social-emotional skills, such as empathy, emotion management, and problem-solving through the 'Second Step' program. The program uses engaging activities and stories to help children develop positive relationships, manage emotions, and make responsible decisions.

Sport is on a Friday and students are to wear our full sports uniform, including hats, to school. Students (if selected) participate in interschool sport at various venues. This term, interschool sport will be held on a whole day Gala Day in Week 7.

Creative and Performing Arts:

Music will be taught each week by Mrs. Power. In Visual Arts students will create a range artworks based on other subject areas, using 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:

Homework will start in Week 3. This will consist of a fortnightly homework contract, with a variety of tasks for the students to complete. Your child will also be required to read for **20 minutes every night** and record this in their home reading log.

Medicines- Protocol

If your child needs to take medication at any time it will need to be kept at the office and not stored in their school bags for safety reasons. Medicines must be in original packaging accompanied by detailed instructions from your child's doctor.

Keeping in touch....

Please download the SchoolZine App, which enables you to both receive information and send the school notifications about your child, including reasons for absences.

You can contact the school regarding any concern either by email (narrablks-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au), in person with your child's teacher (by appointment) or phoning the school on 9913 7077.

Kind regards,

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Mr. Liam Chapman, and Miss Stern
Stage Two Classroom Teachers

Mr. Robert Zappia
School Principal