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Newsletter, Term 4 2023

Stage Two

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the final term of the school year, Term Four! We hope you and your families enjoyed a well-deserved break and are now feeling refreshed and ready for another term of learning and growth. As we approach the end of the school year, we are excited to continue supporting our Stage Two students in their academic and personal development. The upcoming weeks and months are filled with exciting events, activities, and opportunities, and we can't wait to share them with you. Your ongoing support and involvement in our school community mean a lot to us. Let's work together to make this term a successful and rewarding one for our students.

Some Important Dates for Term 4:

Week 1	Homework Begins
Week 2	PSSA Gala Day 1 – Friday 20 th October
Week 3	Narrabald Art Show – Thursday 26 th October. 6:30pm
Week 5	Year 6 Mini Fete – Wednesday 8 th November PSSA Gala Day 2 – Friday 10 th November
Week 8	Parent Helper Lunch – Tuesday 28 th November
Week 9	Presentation Day – Thursday 7 th December
Week 10	Reports Sent Home – Wednesday 13 th December Final Day Picnic – Friday 15 th December

English:

Reading & Writing: Students will engage in daily reading as well as Literacy Pro to improve reading fluency and comprehension skills. They will also be engaging in trial English units, from on the new syllabus, which will commence next year. These units are based on studies of high-quality literature texts and cover many aspects of literacy.

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 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.

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Science:

The unit this term is entitled 'The Sun, Earth and Moon', in which students will inquire into the Earth's relationship with the Sun and how the Sun, Earth and Moon interact. They will learn that the rotation of the Earth on its axis causes regular changes, including night and day and the pattern of the seasons.

Geography:

The topic for this term is, 'Climate of Places', in which students research the different climates of places and use this information to predict what it would be like to live in a place with a different climate. Students will explore the difference between climate and weather, the climate zones of Australia and the world, the impact of climate on the characteristics of places and similar climates which can be found in different parts of the world.

PDHPE:

Personal Development lessons will focus on Child Protection, in which students learn strategies about how to stand up for the rights of themselves and others.

Sport is on a Friday and students are to wear our full sports uniform, including hats, to school. Students will be practising skills and playing games based on the sports played for inter-school sport. This term, inter-school sport will be held on a whole day Gala Day in Weeks 2 and 4.

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 1. 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