



Grade 1/2 Newsletter

Term 3, 2014



Maths

During Term Three students will further develop their skills in the three main areas of the maths curriculum:

- ◇ Number and Algebra
- ◇ Measurement and Geometry
- ◇ Statistics and Probability.

The focus in Number and Algebra will be:

- Revising place value for 2 and 3 digit numbers
- Skip counting
- Subtraction using counting back, missing part and comparison.
- Fractions
- Money

The focus in Measurement and Geometry will be:

- Calendars and seasons
- Time
- Uniform measurement
- 2D and 3D shapes

The focus in Statistics and Probability will be:

- Chance language
- Posing questions and gathering data
- Graphing

Remember to access Mathletics at home to practise and revise your maths skills.

www.mathletics.com.au

Please note

The newsletters will only be available on the school website from now on.

www.syndalsp.vic.edu.au

Inquiry

Our term 3 inquiry unit is, "How are Earth's resources used?"

We will be looking at the understandings:

- Environmental changes affect us.
- Environmental changes can be natural or man made.
- Some changes in the environment are a part of a natural cycle.
- Resources can be natural or man made.
- We are all responsible for conserving and looking after Earth's resources.

As a part of our investigation of natural cycles, students have been asked to keep a moon diary. Sheets have been sent home to record your findings, hopefully there are enough breaks between the clouds to be able to see the moon clearly.

Reading

Helpful Reading Tips From Jackie McArdle

Hopefully reading routines have been established at home and you are enjoying working with your child to achieve literacy success.

Last term in the newsletter, I shared how to support your child's reading by providing an overview of a new book by looking and discussing the pictures before reading.

Another important aspect of reading is prompting. I have included a page from my blog <http://jackielmc.edublogs.org/> with some tips for when your child struggles to read a word.

Some useful things to do when your child hesitates or stops when reading.

- WAIT, give time for your child to look for more information.
- Help your child to READ BACK a little for context. Use PROMPTS such as "Look for something in the picture that starts like this."
- Tell your child the word if it is too hard to solve.



Literacy

The focus for writing this term will be on Information Reports. We will be looking at their structure and how they are different to imaginative texts. Students will become familiar with features such as captions, labels, contents pages and paragraphs. If your child is reading an information report as a part of their take home reader, prompt them to identify some of the text features.

In spelling we will be looking at common letter blends and patterns, building on base words and rhyming words.

We will be focusing on four main comprehension areas this term:

- Main Idea
- Sequencing
- Facts and Details
- Cause and Effect



After listening to your child read each night, ask them to recall ideas from the book based on these areas.

Our Grammar focus will be on nouns, verbs, plurals, adjectives, talking marks to show direct speech and creating compound sentences.

Sports

In Term 3, we are fortunate to have a group of Holmesglen TAFE students assisting with the weekly PE sessions. They will provide expert coaching in netball, soccer, AFL and basketball. The 1/2 students will choose two of the sports and work to further develop the associated fundamental motor skills through a series of drills and mini-games tailored to that sport. A visit to the Waverley Gymnasium will give the kids an opportunity to experience a variety of movement patterns using a variety of gymnastic apparatus.

Weekly PMP sessions continue and we are very grateful to the parents who come and help out. If you are free on Thursdays for the hour before or after lunch, please feel free to come and see what is going on - the kids love having Mum or Dad helping out and it ensures the smooth running of the programme.

Our normal After School Sport, Joggers Club and Ride/Walk to School programme continue. As you can see, another BIG term in SSPS Sport - stay tuned to the Rocket for updates on all things sporting!

Mr Kenez & Mrs Potter



Upcoming Events

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| August 28th | Visit to Waverley Gymnastics |
| September 1st | 50th Birthday Party for Kids |
| | Whole School Photo |
| September 10th-11th | Hands on Science Incursion |
| September 10th-16th | Life Ed Van |
| September 19th | End of Term 3 |