

Grade 1/2 Newsletter

Term3, 2016

Welcome to term 3!

The cold winter weather is definitely here. Please ensure that your child wears warm clothes to school. Most importantly, if your child is sick please do not send them to school. Sickness travels fast in a classroom environment!

This term we have a lot of exciting things happening.

We have seen some wonderful reading habits at home during term one and two. Please continue to read daily with your child and ensure that you fill in the Home Reading Logbook each night. Take home books are an important supplement to the class program, reinforcing reading strategies, building confidence and improving fluency.

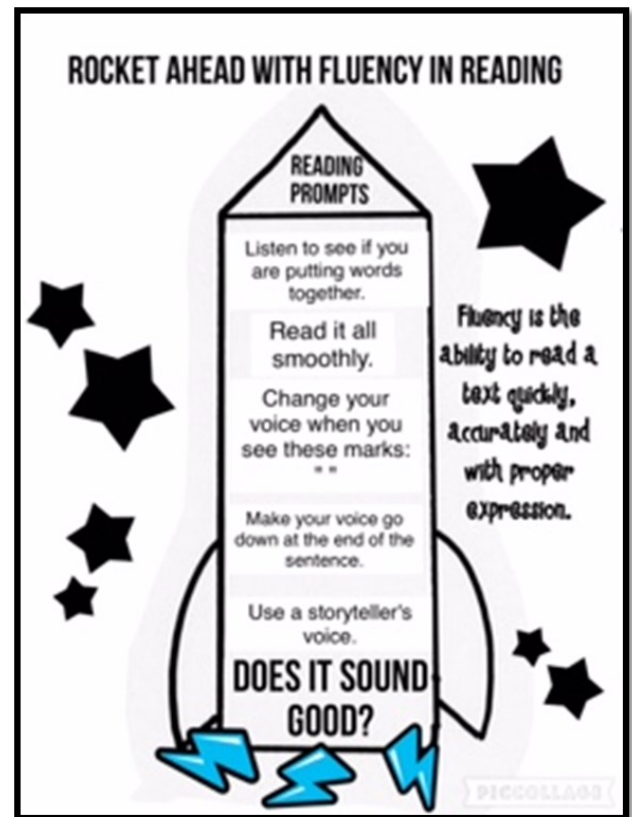
Reading with Jackie!

How can you help your child to read fluently? Read books with repetition or read a favourite book again so your child can practice reading with phrasing and fluency.

Demonstrate and point out how good reading sounds, by putting words together, (phrasing) pausing appropriately at the end of a sentence and changing your voice to sound like the characters in the story.

Fluency develops with lots of practice and helps your child to focus his/her attention on what the story is about in order to gain meaning.

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Reading Recovery
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Inquiry How do we use the Earth's resources?

We will be exploring the following questions

What are Earth's resources? How are they used?

What are natural cycles and how is our environment changed by them?

What are man made changes and how do they change our environment?

Please ensure that each child at school has:

- ◇ Art Smock
- ◇ Library Bag & Reader
- ◇ Brain food x 2
please cut up fruits and vegetables.

Check out more exciting Synda News online!

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Term 3 PE / PMP

In Term 3 our Fundamental Motor Skill will focus on kicking and punting. We will also have short units on gymnastics and creative dance. PMP continues and the children will experience a range of activities designed to complement the PE programme and further develop their coordination.

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Our Joggers Club will be running an Olympic Marathon Challenge and the Ride/Walk 2 School will continue as usual, with points being tallied to see which class is the most active each month. After school sport will continue on a Thursday.

Many thanks to all the parents who have been helping out with PMP - your support is much appreciated. If you want to come along and help, please do - it is a great way to meet other parents and the kids love to see you there!

MUSIC

In Year 1 and 2, students explore and develop a variety of music concepts, for example: beat, rhythm, melody, patterns, dynamics, tempo and music notation. Working as a member of a class choir enables each student to memorise, practise and to value their learning and to present their songs at the fete. Students experience several ways to record and notate their music.



Please be aware that DEET now requires that parents who volunteer to help out in excursions have a WWCC. (Working with children check) Our team will soon send out a letter or email to you to explain about the changes.

This term in ENGLISH:

Grammar-

capitals, full stops, commas, verbs, nouns, adjectives, plurals, verb/noun agreement, conjunctions.

Weekly Spelling activities

Writing-Informative Writing

Reading Comprehension:

- ◆ Cause and Effect
- ◆ Recalling facts and detail
- ◆ Finding Word Meaning in Context
- ◆ Summarising
- ◆ Fact and Opinion

This term in MATHS:

Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication,

Place Value, Skip counting, Fractions,

Time, Money, Calenders, Seasons

Measurement to name a few!

Japanese



Grade1/2: Doraemon (a Japanese comic hero), self-introduction, like/dislike and reading and writing of 15 Hiragana,

Students comprehend short written texts describing about Doraemon such as, Doraemon is a cat/robot/blue/round and he likes Dorayaki (Japanese sweet) and dislikes mice. They also gain awareness of cultural differences and the similarities of primary school life in Japan and Australia through watching Doraemon movies. They will continue to learn 10~15 hiragana and related words using the iPad.

Upcoming Events

27th July	C.E.R.E.S. excursion
Week 8	Life Ed Van
5th & 6th August	National Aerobics Championship
16th Sept	Last Day of Term for Students