

Grade 1/2 Newsletter

Term 4, 2015

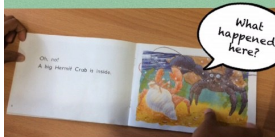
Term 4 has arrived!

Welcome to Term 4. Teachers and students alike are excited with the prospect of warmer weather, fun outdoor activities, end of year events and Christmas holidays...BUT before we get too excited, it's important to remember that there is still lots of work to be done. Teachers will be busy writing reports and students will be demonstrating all the new things they have learnt throughout the year. Students will also be refining their organisational skills in preparation for the following year.

We have planned many exciting events during Term 4. We are looking forward to our school Fete in October, swimming lessons, Grade 2 sleepover and incursions about healthy eating and healthy lifestyles.

Before Reading a New Book

Engage your child in the book and provide an overview of the story.

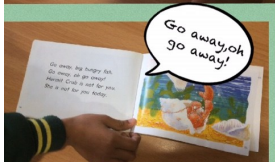


What happened here?

Have you ever seen a Hermit Crab? This story is about...



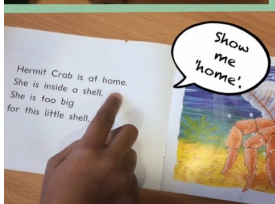
Look and talk about the pictures.



Go away, oh go away!



Allow your child to hear the language of the book by reading a repeated phrase.



Show me home!



Locate words that your child needs to work on.



Provide a reason for reading the rest of the book.

Now let's read to see if Hermit Crab will find a new home.

PICCOLLAGE

Inquiry: How do I Make Healthy Choices?

Students will be learning about their physical, social, emotional health and wellbeing. We will be completing weekly challenges and recording them in our KidzBodz diaries. Some of the challenges for students and their families include eating a nutritious breakfast everyday, participating in daily physical activities and eliminating junk food from lunch boxes. What a great way to kick off the summer holidays...being fit, having fun and getting active.

Music

Music in term 4 celebrates the variety of skills the students have acquired in music as performers. They will continue to sing in the 1/2 choir. Opportunities to hear them are at the School Fete, at 12:00pm and should conclude about 1:30pm or on Thursday 29th October at 12:00 to 1:00 in the BER at the 'Count Us In' Concert. In classes, the students will discuss music terms and begin to follow notation. They will sing a variety of songs and learn fun songs with games. They will also play on the xylophones.

Please ensure that your child brings:

- ◇ Library Bag & Home Reader
- ◇ Brain food: *please cut up fruits and vegetables.*
- ◇ Water bottle, Hat

Term 4 PE / PMP

In Term 4 our Fundamental Motor Skill focus will be striking. We will practise this skill by learning about cricket, tennis and T-ball. The Intensive Swimming Programme, run at Huntingtower Swim School, will take place in late November. This is part of the PE Curriculum and it is expected that all students will participate. Learning to swim is a vital skill for all children living in Australia.

PMP continues and the children will experience a range of activities designed to complement the PE programme and further develop their coordination. 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, particularly after lunch, please do - it is a great way to meet other parents and the kids love to see you there!

Joggers Club and Ride/Walk 2 School continue as usual, with points being tallied to see which class is the most active. Pick up a passport before school at the Hall steps, or see Mr Kenez or Mrs Potter to register.



Japanese

Students continue learning Hiragana and new vocabulary using the letters they learnt. They will continue learning how to describe a person in Japanese. Students will also learn more Japanese songs/games and will enjoy some aspects of Japanese cultural events.

English

Grammar - Sentence structure, conjunctions, punctuation

Spelling

Writing-Procedure and Persuasive

Reading Comprehension:

- ◆ Drawing conclusions, inferences
- ◆ Identifying author's purpose
- ◆ Interpreting figurative language
- ◆ Distinguishing between real and make believe

Maths

- ◆ Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division
- ◆ Time—digital and analogue
- ◆ Location / position
- ◆ Money
- ◆ 2D shapes and 3D objects



Term 4 Events

16th Oct	Gymbus
19th Oct	Eat for Life Incursion
21st Oct	National Aerobics Championship
24th Oct	Fete
27th Oct	Tennis Incursion
3rd Nov	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
17-27th Nov	Swimming
4th Dec	Grade 2 Sleepover
18th Dec	Last day of school