



Grade 1/2 Newsletter

Term 2

April 2013

Literacy

In reading we will continue to use whole class and small group activities to develop effective strategies to decode new words, cultivate fluency and expand reading comprehension. Students will continue to be exposed to a broad variety of fiction and non fiction text types. **It is imperative students take home, read and return their take home books each school day.**

In writing sessions we are exploring letter writing, recounts and narratives. We will be looking at the different parts of a narrative and how to structure their own. We will be creating our own narratives and publishing them in a number of ways including using the ipads and classroom computers.

The children have access to Reading Express. Please ask your teacher if you have mislaid your password.

Reminders:

- * Homework in Grade 1/2 is to read every night.
- * **Remember to enter any books your child reads onto the Premier's Reading Challenge website so that the teachers can then verify the books.**
- * www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/

Inquiry

"What was life like for our grandparents when they were our age?"

This term our Shared Inquiry unit will focus on how life has changed from when our Grandparents and Great Grandparents were our age. Some of our key questions we are looking at are:

How have lifestyles changed over time?

How have lifestyles stayed the same over time? Includes leisure, work, schooling etc.

What was life like for your grandparents when they were your age?

What could our lives be like in the future?

Our understandings are:

- The way we live continues to change over time
- Life now is different to the way it was when our grandparents were children
- Some aspects of life are similar for us as for our grandparents when they were our age

It has been great to have the Grandparents visit on Grandparents Day and be able to ask them questions about their life and what they remember of their school days and how different it was. A number of them went home for lunch and apparently the teachers were a lot stricter and the children were not allowed to talk in class at all.

Numeracy.

• Throughout Term Two we will continue to build students skills in Number— Subtraction as well as work on Measurement.

• Students will work on concepts such as 2D and 3D shapes, symmetry, volume, capacity, temperature and informal measurement. Other areas such as subtraction and word problems will also be

covered.

• Where possible the activities will be hands on and will include working on the Interactive Whiteboard.

• Students will continue to use the Mathletics website through this term. Mathletics is a program that will be used during classroom activities and can also be used at home.

If you are not sure what your child's username and password are, please ask one of the classroom teachers.

