



Year 1 News - August

Term 3 is off to a *swimming* start and it's about to get a whole lot more exciting! The children are bubbling with anticipation about heading to the pools tomorrow. I can't wait to see if the next Ian Thorpe or Leisel Jones is in our class!

Calendar dates

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| 1/8 | Japanese Exchange Students |
| - 8/8 | Say <i>konnichiwa</i> if you see our visitors! |
| 2/8 | Swimming program |
| - 11/8 | 8-day intensive program for Prep-Yr2 |
| 17/8 | Incursion payment due (\$13) |
| 21/8 | Aboriginal Cultural Day
An incursion for our Australia unit |
| 25/8 | Daffodil Day |
| 26/8 | Inflatable World
Another great Parent Group event |

Reminders

- Please remember to label all swimming items – including goggles and underwear! (You'd be surprised.)
- Aboriginal Incursion notices (distributed yesterday) are due back by Thursday 17th August. Payment via QKR.
- Our days begin at 8.45am. Please arrive on time so your child can participate in our great morning reading program ☺

Don't forget the 'Flexibuzz' app (formally Tiq.biz) for important school announcements.

What we're learning

Reading

- Identifying details
- Main idea
- Sequencing and retelling
- Comparing and contrasting

Maths

- Telling the time (quarter past/to)
- Place value
- Multiplication (arrays)
- Skip counting
- Months and seasons
- Length and area

Writing

- Information reports
- Exposition (persuasive)
- Sentence openers
- Singular and plural nouns
- Adverbs

Other

- My Island Home (Australia)
- Exploring Microsoft PowerPoint
- Exploring Microsoft Excel
- Cut, copy and paste

A note to you

Swimming Program:

We are very excited to head to the pool tomorrow for our first lesson! As listed on last week's notice, please ensure that your child brings the following items each day, in a separate, clearly named swimming bag:

- towel
- thongs/crocs
- goggles (optional)
- swimming cap (optional)
- hairbrush (optional)
- a plastic bag for wet bathers

Please label literally everything! We are forever collecting items of clothing and belongings that do not have student names written on them. This is to ensure items can find their way back to your child!

Boys (and girls wearing two piece bathers) are encouraged to wear their bathers to school under their OSPS uniform. Children will also be given the opportunity to get changed prior to departing school if need be.

Swimming times reminder:

Grades	Leave School	Arrive @ Pool	Lesson Time	Leave Pool	Back @ School
1NC, 1ML, Prep SM	10.10am	10.25am	11.00-11.40am	11.55am	12.10pm
1JK, 1JG, 1EM	10.50am	11.05am	11.40-12.20pm	12.35pm	12.50pm
1MM, 1KB, 2SI, 2NC	11.30am	11.45am	12.20-1.00pm	1.15pm	1.30pm

Thank you again to parents who have offered to come on the buses with us. If you would still like to join us, please let me know asap and we'll save you a seat on the bus! If you would simply like to watch your child's lesson, please meet us inside GESAC. Unfortunately photos cannot be taken inside the pool.

Timetable changes:

During the swimming program, our classroom timetable will change. *These changes will be shared in individual class newsletters*. It is imperative that your child arrives at 8.45 so they can get organised with their classmates. We don't want any lost little faces after arriving late to find their classroom empty 😊

Revision:

Please encourage your child to consistently work through Reading Eggs and Mathletics each week. We would love to see our classroom certificate chart overflowing with stickers! We encourage students to practise their skip counting by 10s, 5s, 2s and 3s (forwards and backwards) to build their number fluency. Once your child has completed Einstein Word List 4, we kindly ask students to use their usual word list time to practise their spelling (begin with List 1). This will help strengthen students' writing skills.

See you all tomorrow,

The Year 1 team

P.S- Q: Why did the teachers jump into the pool? A: They wanted to test the water!