

# Year 1 News - April



Welcome back everyone ☺ It was lovely to see so many happy and excited faces yesterday morning. I hope you all had a fabulous holiday and have recharged your batteries for a fantastic Term 2!

## Calendar dates

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| 25/4 | ANZAC Day<br><i>Public holiday – no school</i>  |
| 26/4 | Crazy Hair Day<br><i>Bring small items or \$2 For Lucky Jars.<br/>Wear crazy hair and casual clothes.</i> |
| 6/5  | School Fete<br><i>Pls make sure you've signed up to help!</i>   |

## Reminders

- 'Healthy Skills for Life' permission forms due back by this Friday 2<sup>1st</sup> April (payment through QKR). The program begins next week.
- As the weather starts to change, it's a good idea to pack a spare pair of socks and pants in your child's bag in case of wet weather trips/falls. Please let your child know that these are in their bag.
- School hats are worn until the end of April. Hats will then be sent home to wash and bring back for Term 4.

Don't forget the 'Tiqbiz' app for important school announcements.

## What we're learning

### Reading

- Dr. Seuss books
- Rhyme
- Cross checking – does each word look right, sound right and make sense?

### Maths

- Addition (friends of ten, doubles, counting on)
- Money (counting amounts of coins)
- Time (o'clock and half-past)

### Writing

- Letter writing
- Multiple sounds of s, y, c, g
- Verb tenses
- Sentence openers

### Other

- Flash, Bang, Fizz! (Science)
- Saving computer documents in folders
- Healthy Skills for Life (check the school newsletter for weekly reviews)

# A note to you

## Topics:

This term we are exploring Dr. Seuss during our literacy sessions. We'll be having lots of fun reading his wacky and wonderful books. In integrated studies, we are covering one of our favourite topics - science! Throughout this unit, *Flash, Bang, Fizz!*, students will be experimenting with chemical, biological, environmental and physical sciences. There will be some special days later in the term to celebrate these topics, so stay tuned!

## Pen pals

This term we are beginning our pen pal program with Berwick Fields Primary School. Year 1 students across both schools will be paired together and have the opportunity to practise their letter writing skills in class via meaningful interactions.

## Fete Helpers:

Most of our stall rosters are looking great. Thank you to those who have already volunteered their time! Please check your roster for available timeslots.

## New Year 1 programs for Term 2:

This term we will be starting some exciting home and school partnership programs, focused on Speaking and Listening, Writing and Maths!

### *Star of the Week / Me Box*

Each week one student will be our Star of the Week. This student will be given our class 'Me Box' to fill with **3 - 5 things** that are special to them. Students will then present their items to the rest of the class. After their presentation, we will make a special book for our Star of the Week to treasure forever ☺

### *Class Mascot*

One student each week will get to take our class mascot home. Our mascot comes with a travel journal where students can write about the fun they get up to and include drawings and photos.

### *Monster Maths backpacks*

One student each week will get to take home our Monster Maths backpack, full of exciting maths games and equipment. The aim of these backpacks is to encourage students to spend some quality time doing fun, hands-on maths activities outside of the classroom and technology. Students are encouraged to verbalise their maths thinking and build their maths vocabulary, while practising to take turns etc. Students will share their favourite activities with the class.

Each item will come with instructions. Don't worry, *all students* will get a turn at each of these programs throughout the year ☺

I look forward to another wonderful and jam-packed term!

## *The Year 1 team*