

Year 1 News - April



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

Calendar dates

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| 19/4 | 'Healthy Skills' payment due |
| 24/4 | Crazy Hair Day
<i>Bring small (new) toys or a \$2 donation.
Wear crazy hair and school uniform.
Glass jar donations also welcome!</i> |
| 25/4 | ANZAC Day
<i>Public holiday – no school</i> |
| 5/5 | School Fete
<i>Pls make sure you've signed up to help!</i> |

Reminders

- Payment for the 'Healthy Skills for Life' program is due by 4pm this Thursday 19th April, via the QKR app. Permission forms are now completed on QKR too so you don't need to return any paperwork. The program begins next Monday.
- School hats are worn until the end of April. Hats will then be sent home to wash and bring back for 1st of September.
- If your child is missing any items of clothing or belongings, please check our lost property tubs- they're overflowing!

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

What we're learning

Reading & Grammar

- Traditional fairytales
- Cross checking – does each word look right, sound right and make sense?
- Retelling
- How to structure a sentence
- Adverbs

Maths

- Revising + & - strategies (friends of ten, doubles, counting on, counting back, 'think big count small')
- Fact families
- Time (time duration, seasons, o'clock and half-past)

Writing & Spelling

- Handwriting (*Mm, Nn, Rr*)
- Narratives
- Sentence openers
- Multiple sounds of s, y, c, g
- Digraphs *qu* and *wh*

Integrated & ICT

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

A note to you

Topics:

This term we are studying a number of fairy tales during our literacy sessions. We'll be having lots of fun reading and comparing traditional and 'modern twist' versions. Mark your diaries, our Fairy tale Dress Up Day will be Wednesday 27th June! 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. Hopefully we don't blow the roof off our classroom!

Pen Pals

This term we are beginning our pen pal program with Berwick Fields Primary School. We'll start off by exchanging class letters, then next term Year 1 students across both schools will be paired together and have the opportunity to practise their letter writing skills via meaningful interactions.

Fete Helpers:

17 sleeps to go!!! Our rosters are looking good. Thank you to those who have already volunteered their time! We still have quite a few gaps to fill on our rosters so please let your classroom teacher know ASAP if you haven't yet volunteered and are available. A finalised roster will be sent home once rosters are complete 😊.

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 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.

Maths backpacks

One student each week will get to take home our 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 😊

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

The Year 1 team