

Year 1 News - March



Phew, we've survived the first few weeks of school and are really getting in to the swing of Year One now! Can you believe we're already half way?! Get your calendars ready - with everything from Grandparent's Day to Harmony Day, March sure is going to be awesome!

Calendar dates

1/3	Curriculum Day for all students
11/3	Labour Day Public Holiday - No school!
12/3	Year 1 Grandparent's Day 11.30am-1.00pm <i>Stories, singing and light refreshments</i>
14-15/3	School Photos - Say "Cheese"!
15/3	National Day of Action Against Bullying
17/3	St Patrick's Day
26/3	Harmony Day- Everyone belongs! <i>Dress in orange. Notice coming home soon.</i>
5/4	Easter Hat Parade @ 9.15am Last day of Term 1 - 2.30pm Finish

Reminders

- Written notification (an email or note) must be provided for all absences- illness, family holiday or otherwise.
- Save the date ****OSPS Autumn Fete is on Saturday 4th May****
Keep an eye out for our helpers display in the Year 1 building coming soon!!
- If you haven't already done so, please make sure you update your Flexibuzz settings to receive Year 1 notifications.
- For everyone's safety, please remind your child to walk inside the Year 1 building, especially in the mornings.

What we're learning

Reading & Grammar

- Chunking and syllables
- Re-reading
- Reading on
- Adjectives
- Verbs

Maths

- Place value
- Addition strategies
- Subtraction strategies
- Money
- 3D shapes
- Data (graphing)

Writing & Spelling

- Handwriting (*Uu, Yy Ww, Vv*)
 - Narratives
 - Descriptions
- (All using the VCOP writing program)
- Closed and open syllables
 - Double letters

Integrated & ICT

- Time After Time (HASS, History)
- Creating posters on Microsoft Word
- Maths Invaders
- Athletics and Reading Eggs

A note to you

'Time After Time':

This week we are enthusiastically starting our integrated studies topic – Time After Time. To begin this HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) unit, we will have a look at different family structures and how roles and responsibilities have changed over the years. We will then dig deeper into History, exploring how toys, transport, technology, clothing and education have either changed or remained the same.

In a few weeks we will be inviting students to bring in any family 'artefacts' to show and share with the rest of the class. Artefacts can be any item considered from "the olden days", or a family heirloom passed down through generations.

Grandparents' Day:

To celebrate part of our History unit, our much anticipated Year One Grandparents' Day will be held on Tuesday 12th March. Please refer to the pink notice that was sent out last week for further information. Year 6s will be around the school to help direct visitors.

Morning Reading:

A very big thank you for helping ensure the smooth beginning of our Morning Reading program, particularly those who have been able to spare a few minutes and listen to other children read. Please ensure your child's reading diary is filled in daily - all students are expected to practise their reading in the morning and afternoon/evening.

The students have been busy bees practising their new Year 1 Word Lists. A reminder that these lists are revised from Prep and intended to build your child's automatic recall of sight words (words that can't typically be sounded out). Repetition, repetition!! Students should be able to recognise these words *confidently and instantly* in order to receive a tick. Spelling practise is also strongly recommended as many students can read these words but show a gap between spelling them correctly in their writing pieces.

Mathletics:

We have started tracking students' active time on Mathletics on our interactive whiteboard each week and celebrating our certificate tallies. Please provide time at home for your students to complete their set tasks and work towards achieving one certificate per week. Tasks are set in alignment with our classroom learning focuses.

Easter Hat Parade / Raffle:

It's almost time to start thinking about your Easter hat, ready for our famous Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 Easter Hat Parade. We love seeing creative, child-made hats! There will be a parade in the hall at 9.15am on Friday 5th April. The junior school Easter Raffle will also be drawn at this time.

Fete:

Roll up! Roll up! The OSPS Autumn Fete will be here before we know it. More info about class stalls will be available shortly. As you would know from last year, the fete is a HUGE event and simply wouldn't be possible without amazing parent support. A roster for each class will soon be displayed in the Year 1 building where you are invited to add your name/s. All families are required to volunteer for one hour on the day.

Social Media:

We are asking all year levels to please be mindful of sharing photos taken at school. Not all students have permission for their photos to be shared on the internet and social media websites such as Facebook. We appreciate your understanding.

Lost Property:

We have recently set up two Year One Lost Property tubs in an effort to keep our building neat and tidy! Lost items will be placed in these tubs, located on the bench opposite the Year One toilets. If your child is missing any items of clothing or containers, please check here before the main lost property area located opposite the library.

Thank you all so much for making our start to the year so wonderful!

The Year 1 team

Q. Which season is the cutest? A. 'Awww'tumn! 🐰🐰🐰