



Year 1 News - July

Ni hao! Guten Tag! Hola! Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you all had a happy and healthy break. We have lots of great topics planned for the next ten weeks, including our new integrated topic where we travel all around the world. We can't wait!

Calendar dates

16/7	Term 3 begins
20/7	Swimming payment due 4.30pm
25 + 26/7	Year 4 Production 'The Knight at Dawn- Kids'
26/7	Year 1 teachers at a Spelling PD- Normal day for students
1/8 – 10/8	Year 1 Swimming Program At G.E.S.A.C. Lesson times TBC.

Don't Forget to download the 'Flexibuzz' app for important school announcements and remind

Reminders

- Morning reading is an important time to greet friends, settle down and ensure a calm start to the day. This term we are beginning our Number of the Day books, so students can remain quiet and focused after finishing their reader. These quick, 5 min pages provide great number revision to warm up our brains!
- In an effort to keep our schoolyard clean, please consider sending your child with wrapper-free lunchboxes, e.g. unwrapping museli bars and packets of biscuits.
- A friendly reminder, if you haven't yet sent in your second tissue box please add one to your shopping list. Thank you ☺

What we're learning

Reading & Grammar

- Identifying details
- Main idea
- Sequencing and retelling
- Comparing and contrasting
- Sentence construction
- Speech marks

Maths

- Place Value
- Multiplication (groups of)
- Calendars
- Telling the time (half past revision, quarter past and quarter to)
- Odd and even numbers

Writing & Spelling

- Handwriting (Cc, Dd, Gg)
- Letter writing (to our pen pals)
- Expositions (persuasive writing)
- Punctuation, connectives, openers
- Spelling (FLoSS rule, long a: ay, ai, a-e, and diphthongs: oi, oy)

Integrated & ICT

- Visiting the continents: Antarctica, Asia, North America
- Cut, copy and paste on Microsoft Word
- Exploring more functions of Microsoft PowerPoint

A note to you

Swimming Program:

Swimming is an important part of the Victorian Curriculum. Developing students' water safety skills is extremely important and all students are expected to participate in the program. Please ensure you have completed your payment via QKR by this Friday 20th July. Placement forms were due at the end of last term to assist with grouping students. We will be looking for parent helpers who can attend the swimming excursion, anywhere from one day to every day! An expression of interest form will be sent home next week, as soon as our lesson and bus times have been confirmed.

Integrated Studies:

This term we are looking forward to learning more about the big world we live in! Each week we will travel to a different continent and learn a little about different countries' people, culture, food, sports, animals and landscapes. We love when parents get involved! If you have an activity related to your cultural background that you would like to share with the class, please let us know. To give you some ideas, past parents have read traditional stories, shown photos, taught dances, brought in food for tasting or done science experiments- all related to their chosen country. Activities can be done as a whole class or in small groups, and can take anywhere from 5-30 mins.

Year 4 Production:

Please come and support the Year 4's in their fantastic production of 'The Knight at Dawn- Kids'. The story centres around two siblings, Jack and Annie, who discover a magic tree house. As they read a book about knights and the middle ages, the siblings are whisked away to medieval times where they experience a grand medieval feast, escape through secret tunnels and dance with enchanted suits of armour. Tix @ www.trybooking.com \$12 Adult, \$7 Child (floor space only).

Class Dojo:

This term the Year 1 classes will all be using Class Dojo to monitor and celebrate students' behaviour in the classroom. The program provides students with a monster avatar and they can instantly be awarded points for a range of positive behaviours, from listening on the mat, working quietly, helping others, using beautiful manners or showing school values. As students accumulate points they can earn sticks, prizes or whole class rewards.

A reminder of our Year 1 expectations:

Mathletics: 1000 points (one certificate) per week. Many students will exceed 1000!

Reading Eggs/Reading Eggpress: Minimum half an hour per week

Reading: Every morning and evening (with reading diary filled in by an adult)

Word Lists: A little bit of practise each day (reading and spelling)

While you are adjusting back into school routines, please be mindful if your child is getting an adequate amount of sleep each night. It is recommended that school-age children receive 9-11 hours sleep, for optimal growth, learning and development ☺

See you all tomorrow- Sayonara! Adios! Au Revoir!

The Year 1 team