



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

1/8	Swimming program
- 10/8	8-day intensive program for Prep-Yr2
3/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book Week incursion (free)• Book Club Issue 5 orders due
15/8	Yr 1 African Drumming workshop
28/8	Japanese Dress Up Day
31/8	Father's Day breakfast 7.45am - 9am. Flyers coming soon!

Reminders

- Please remember to label **all** swimming items – including goggles and underwear! (You'd be surprised.) Our Lost Property tub looks like an erupting volcano of school jumpers!!
- Over the next week, OSPS has a number of exchange students visiting from Japan. If you see them around the school, please say 'Konnichiwa' and make them feel welcome ☺

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

What we're learning

Reading & Grammar

- Identifying details
- Main idea
- Sequencing and retelling
- Comparing and contrasting
- Irregular plurals and plural nouns
- Base word prefixes and suffixes

Maths

- Multiplication (groups of)
- Division (sharing between)
- Calculators (repeated addition)
- Length
- Area
- Probability

Writing & Spelling

- Handwriting (*Qq, Oo, Ee*)
- Expositions (persuasive writing)
- Information reports
- Vocabulary, openers, self-editing
- Spelling (long e: ee, ea, e-e, y; long o: o-e, ow, oa, oe; long i: igh, i-e, y, ie; long u: u-e, ue, ew).

Integrated & ICT

- Visiting the continents: South America, Africa, Europe, Aust.
- Cut, copy and paste on Microsoft Word and PowerPoint
- Exploring Microsoft Excel
- Introduction to coding

A note to you

Swimming Program:

We are very excited to head to the pool tomorrow for our first lesson! 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 names on them. This is to ensure items can find their way back to your child so please take the time to label everything.

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
Prep SR, 1JK, 1NC	10.25am	10.40am	11.00-11.40am	12.00pm	12.15pm
1MV, 1NM, 1ML	11.05am	11.20am	11.40-12.20pm	12.40pm	12.55pm
1JG, 1EM, 2JD	11.45am	12.00pm	12.20-1.00pm	1.25pm	1.40pm

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 has changed significantly. We now have many specialist subjects and computer lessons in the morning. Please try to have your child at school at 8.45am so they can get organised with their classmates. We don't want any lost little faces after arriving late to find their classroom empty ☹️

African Drumming Workshop:

As part of our 'Around the World' integrated studies unit, on Wednesday 15th August each Year 1 class will participate in an African drumming workshop. Students will learn how to hold and how to hit the drum to get the best sound and join in rhythm games and activities. The workshop is all about having fun and learning to play together as one. Mark your calendars, the Prep and Year 1 Multicultural Day will be on Thursday 13th September!

Japanese Dress Up Day:

Start planning your sugoi (great) outfits to help celebrate our awesome Japanese Language Education Program on Tuesday 28th August. Some ideas include: karate, kimono dress (no Chinese dress, please), ninjas, Pokémon, Hello Kitty, Nintendo characters, sumo wrestler, sushi or the Japanese flag!

See you all tomorrow,

The Year 1 Team

Q: Why did the teacher jump into the pool? A: She wanted to test the water!