



Year 1 News - November

Wowee! What a huge start to our final term together. We hope you had a spook-tacular Halloween. We've been working extra hard on narrative writing over the last few weeks. Make sure you stop by to see our wonderful stories on display!

Calendar dates

5/11	Curriculum Day
6/11	Melbourne Cup Public holiday
9/11	School Disco P-2 5:30-6:30pm - \$5
13/11	Year 1 Messenger Dogs incursion OSPS Colour Fun Run!!
27/11	Dress Up for Tigray Day
27-29	Year 2 Production <i>The Night the Reindeer Rocked</i>
29/11	Year 1 Pen Pals excursion

Reminders

- Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform each day; a school shirt (even if they are wearing a jumper over the top), green pants/shorts or school dress. Now that the weather is warming up, many students are having to remove layers after running around at recess/lunch!
- Please make sure you have returned your permission form and registered your child for our Colour Fun Run. Many students have been busily collecting sponsors. A minimum \$10 is required to join in this super fun afternoon!
- The staff car park is strictly out of bounds for parents and children.

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

What we're learning

Reading & Grammar

- Comprehension strategies; *Identifying details, Main idea, Sequencing and retelling, Comparing and contrasting, Fact and Opinion, Cause and Effect*
- Revision of adverbs
- Synonyms and Antonyms
- Homophones

Maths

- Place value
- Fractions of groups and collections
- Chance and probability
- Money (adding small collections)
- Area
- Telling the time to the quarter hour
- Location and direction

Writing & Spelling

- Handwriting (*Zz, Kk, Gg, Qq*)
- Narratives (whole school Cold Write)
- Poetry (colour poems and cinquains)
- Information reports
- Punctuation, Openers and Connectives
- Spelling (Floszy words revision, open/closed syllables revision and vowel teams)

Integrated & ICT

- Physical sciences- planning and construction for our exciting in-class project!
- Navigating digital folders, 'drag and drop'
- Using Move Maker
- Coding activities
- Year 2 transition

A note to you

Student Attendance:

We have recently begun using our online attendance program to notify parents when their child is absent without prior notice. Students who haven't arrived by 9.10am and have not notified the school will be marked as absent without an explanation. This will alert the system to send you an automated text message. Please phone the school office or email me at your earliest convenience so we can adjust the roll.

Occasionally things happen and you may be running late to collect your child at 3.30pm. It is also greatly appreciated if you can please notify the office so we are aware and your child doesn't worry 😊 Students not collected by 3.45pm are taken to the front office as we often have after school meetings to attend.

In the lead up to a busy holiday season, please remember to email any dates that your child may be away as soon as possible.

Year 1 Pen Pals excursion:

Our pen pals excursion is fast approaching! It will be a very exciting day. A detailed notice will be sent home next Wednesday with QKR details. Please ensure your child is at school on time (8.45am) on the day, with two plastic/zip lock bags (one containing their snack and one containing their lunch). Students will also need a disposable bottle of water. Keep an eye on the weather forecast in the lead up and dress appropriately. Who knows with Melbourne's weather - students might need jumpers or sunscreen!

Green Goals:

Our new November goals are:

- Bring wrapper free snack and lunch every day
- Wash our hands quickly and take shorter showers at home.

Transition:

As our year draws to a close, students will begin to prepare for the big jump in to Year 2. All Year 1 students will participate in transition activities in the coming weeks to familiarise themselves with some Year 2 routines and current staff. Children will find out their 2018 class and teacher in the final week of the school year. We aim to make this transition as smooth as possible. What an exciting time! If you have any queries during this process, please let me know.

Please remember to keep sending in any cardboard boxes that you have at home. We need to collect as many as possible for our upcoming construction project!

Enjoy your extra long weekend!!

The Year 1 Team