



# Year 1 News - Christmas

Ho! Ho! Holy Moly! Can you believe we have already arrived at December?!? This is our final Year 1 newsletter for the year! 'Tis the season for overflowing calendars and lots of festivities. It's going to be a super-charged finish to a spectacular year and we can't wait to celebrate all that the students have achieved together 😊

## Calendar dates

4-5/12	Parent Group Christmas Stall Please bring \$ and a shopping bag
19/12	Class Christmas parties (students) A note will be sent home shortly
20/12	*Last day of Term 4* Students find out their 2019 classes Semester 2 reports emailed out Whole school assembly- 1.40pm in the hall <u>School Finishes at 2.30pm</u>
21/12	Curriculum Day No school for students – teachers only
25/12	Christmas Day 🎄🎅🎁

## Reminders

- Please ensure all library books are returned to school ASAP. This will be our last week for borrowing.
- Parent Group are collecting donations for the Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal. They are also collecting non-perishable food on behalf of St Joseph's Outreach Services. Please see the school newsletter for suggested items. Unwrapped donations can be placed under the office Christmas tree up until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

*Don't Forget the 'Flexibuzz' app for important school announcements.*

## What we're learning

### Reading & Grammar

- Revision of Semester 2 comprehension strategies
- Rhyming stories
- Homonyms
- Articles (the, a/an)
- Revision

### Maths

- Multiplication
- Division
- Volume
- Money
- Chance and probability
- Revision

### Writing & Spelling

- Handwriting (Pp, Ff)
- Information reports
- Procedures
- Letters to Santa
- Spelling: vowel teams, diphthongs, syllable types

### Integrated & ICT

- 'Caine's Arcade' group project
- Bee Bots
- Code.org
- Windows Live Movie Maker
- Christmas activities
- Year Two Transition

# A note to you

## Rocket Sam videos

Earlier this year in Music, Marsh Sensei and the students worked tirelessly to put together a class video clip to the song 'Rocket Sam'. Students got the opportunity to put their singing and performing skills to action in front of the Digi Tech's green screen! After many hours of editing, Marsh Sensei would love to offer parents a copy of the video clip. Our class' Rocket Sam video will be played during Morning Reading times this week. Please notify me by this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December if you would prefer your child to be removed from the video prior to distribution. No names or voices are included in the video, only filmed actions. If you would like a copy of the video clip, please bring a blank USB to school ASAP. *\*Please note that for privacy reasons this video cannot be uploaded onto any social media platforms or shared for the purpose of making any profit under copyright laws.*

## Pen Pals excursion:

Last Thursday we had our much-anticipated Pen Pals excursion! The weather was perfect for a day at Braeside Park, spending time with our new friends. A huge thank you to the parents who were able to come and help out on the day ☺

## Caine's Arcade- "Open Day"

Over the past two weeks, our budding engineers have been hard at work designing and constructing their own arcade games out of recyclable materials. As part of our Term 4 integrated studies unit on physical sciences, this group project was inspired by the story of Caine's Arcade. We are thrilled to announce that we will be holding an "open day" in the coming weeks. Keep an eye out for our official invitation!

## Sapphire Care

As mentioned in the school newsletter, Mrs Jackson received a lovely email last week from Karen Barrie, the Lifestyle Coordinator at Sapphire Care, about our reading program. Please see below;

*I would like to take the opportunity to highly compliment your teachers – they are all so professional and lovely during their visits – I am very impressed, and most importantly so too are our ex-teacher residents, who often comment on this!!!*

*Also, the parent helpers are wonderful and really seem to enjoy the experience. I have chatted to quite a few now and the consensus is they love the program and watching how nicely/easily their children/grandchildren interact with our residents – great feedback!!*

*And of course, the children – wow, they are a real highlight to our week. I can't tell you how many lovely comments I hear/overhear throughout the whole day about the program!! At Sapphire Care, one of our driving principles is to "make their day" and this program helps us to do exactly that.*

*So a **huge** thanks from myself, Sapphire Care and all of our Residents!!!!*

## Take home reading:

Our take home reading program will conclude on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of Dec. On this day, all green reader bags will be collected, ready to pass on to the Year 2 teachers. Word Lists and yellow reading diaries will be sent home to keep. Students are strongly encouraged to continue reading and accessing Reading Eggs and Mathletics over the holidays. We have fantastic local libraries nearby & membership is free!

## Class Christmas parties:

To celebrate our amazing year together, we will be having a class Christmas party. There is sure to be lots of dancing, food and Christmas-cracker laughter from all students. Please keep an eye out for further information closer to the day.

We still have 3 weeks left together, but 2018 has truly been an awesome year with an incredible group of students. A huge thank you to all parents who have made it so wonderful!

Signing off for our last official monthly newsletter...

The Year One Team

