

Term 3 – Stage 2 - Class Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope all the students had an enjoyable holiday. Stage 2 has an exciting term ahead, with lots of various activities.

Public Speaking will take place later this term. Although this year there will not be a Far North Coast Public Speaking Competition we will still hold our annual School Finals. When the time comes please try and encourage your child to choose a topic that is interesting and engaging. As a rule, have your child try and make a personal connection with the content, this usually steers them towards a speech that will entertain their audience. We will work on presentation skills throughout the term.

We would like to see a bigger focus on Home Reading this term and homework tasks. Students should be reading at least 4-5 nights a week. Please ensure this is recorded on their Home Reading record and not on the homework sheet. This term students will receive house points for the completion of homework and home reading each week. House Points are used for our end of term class reward. Thank you for your support in this area.

Many students need updated school supplies eg. coloured pencils, lead pencils, textas, erasers, glue stick and their own sharpener with a barrel. If these could be brought in as soon as possible it would be appreciated. Throughout the winter months it would also be appreciated if each family could contribute a box of tissues. This will hopefully help keep the spread of colds and flu to a minimum this term. Our classrooms will also continue our current handwashing and hygiene practices. Please ensure that you keep your child home if they are unwell.

Unfortunately, at this stage we are still unable to book in any overnight or interstate excursions. We are currently investigating any options we may have for later this Term or Term 4 and will send out any information as soon as possible.

Education Week will be held in week 3. A flyer highlighting the activities for the week will be sent home. At this stage restrictions still do not permit parents and carers into the school so our traditional activities will vary slightly this year.

This term our classes will participate in gymnastics lessons as part of a whole school 6-week program. This initiative will supplement our PD/H/PE Curriculum.

Don't forget to check in on Class Dojo from time to time, it is a great way to stay connected with

our classroom and provides a small snapshot of our activities. Our Dojo feeds have been quiet of late as we adjust and settle back into routine however we will endeavor to return to some regular posting.

This term we are completing a 'Harry Potter and The Philosophers Stone' Novel Study. As part of the unit students would like to watch the movie at the end of the term. As 'Harry Potter and The Philosophers Stone' is rated PG could you please return the attached note to allow your child to watch the film. An alternate activity will be provided for those who are unable to watch the film.

Your thoughts, concerns and questions are always important. Please do not hesitate to contact us at school to arrange a time to chat.

Warm regards,

Emma Harding and Amber McEwan
Classroom Teacher

Harry Potter – English Unit of Work

Stage 2 will spend the term reading and analysing the book 'Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone'. As part of their unit of work students will be viewing the movie to look at the difference and similarities between film and book adaptations.

As this film is PG we require your permission for your child to watch this movie at the end of the Term. Please return the note below as soon as possible.

Alternative activities will be organised for students who cannot watch the film.

Emma Harding and Amber McEwan
Classroom Teacher

Rod Cornelius
Relieving Principal

I give permission for my child _____ of class ____ to watch the movie 'Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone'. I understand that this movie is rated PG.

Signature _____ Date _____