

Stage 2 Newsletter – Term 2 – Week 1

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope the April holidays were enjoyable. Stage 2 have a busy term ahead and we are looking forward to lots of exciting events.

Our Connecting to Culture excursion is going ahead this Thursday. Students are to wear school uniform, good walking shoes and must have a hat. They should bring a backpack or small bag with plenty of water, recess and lunch. If any families would like to meet us for a picnic lunch on the day, we will be at the park beside Fingal Head Surf Club at 1:30-2:30. It would be lovely to see you.

In Week 4 this term our Year 3 students will be doing their NAPLAN assessments. This year students will sit their tests online. The tests will be scheduled within a two week period from Tuesday of week 4. Each Year 3 student will need their own pair of headphones.

Year 4 will be taking part in a Check In Assessment for both Reading and Maths in week 2. These students will also require a set of headphones.

Parent teacher interviews (3 way conferences) will be held in weeks 3 & 4. A note with dates and times is attached. Please return ASAP to assist with planning.

Year 4 are working towards earning their pen licences. Once students can demonstrate consistent neat and predominately error free writing they will be awarded a pen licence. Students can then commence writing in pen. If students choose to bring whiteout they are only to bring the tape variety due to the mess and time delay with liquid whiteout.

Thank you to the parents who have been encouraging their children to do both their homework and home reading. Just a reminder it doesn't have to be one of the books from the classroom, it can be a book from home or the library etc. To promote both homework and home reading within our classroom, dojo points will be awarded to

students for completing these tasks each week and these can then be used as part of our in class reward system. Both homework and home readers will continue to be handed in on Fridays.

Just a reminder to ensure that your child has lead pencils, blue and red pens for year 4 once a pen licence has been earned, a glue stick, a packet of coloured pencils and textas. A box of tissues coming into the colder months would be greatly appreciated.

If you haven't already, we invite all parents to join our Class Dojo. This is a fantastic way for you to keep up with what is happening in our classroom. In addition to this, it also provides you with another point of contact if you need to discuss anything regarding your child. Thank you to the parents that have already engaged with the app during term 1, it has been wonderful to receive your feedback. We will endeavor to post more this term.

Please remember that it is a requirement that a note be sent in with your child if they are absent from school for any reason. These need to be in within a week of the absence. Most parents have been fantastic with absent notes this year so thank you for that.

A few students have overdue library books. Please check if your child has books from last term that need to be returned. Students are not able to borrow new books until these have been returned.

This term we are lucky enough to have a Student Teacher in our room starting in week 5. Another set of hands is always a wonderful addition to any class and they bring so many great ideas and enthusiasm.

Public speaking is set to commence later this term, notes will be sent home towards the end of the term with further details. A term 2 calendar will also be sent home outlining additional important dates.

Your thoughts, concerns and questions are always important. Please do not hesitate to contact me and we will make a time to chat.

Warm regards

Amber McEwan