Welcome Back to Term!

Welcome back to term three! We hope that all families have had a chance to relax over the holiday break and are feeling refreshed and ready for another busy term! The following pages outline some information for both Year One classes this term. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask!

Have a great term!
Miss Foong and Miss de Gooijer

our Learning this term...

English

Our writing genres this term are Reports and Narratives. We will explore how we can use non fiction texts to gather important information and explore fiction texts by reading lots of different and well known Fairytales.

We will look closely at text structure and how the author constructs the important elements in a story. We will continue introducing new sight words and sounds, working in our literacy centres and writing on dotted thirds paper - while trying hard to remember to leave spaces between words - and to make sure we are forming all our letters the correct way!

Mathematics

Our Mathematics program introduces the children to new concepts as well as continuously revisiting previous learning through games and group activities.

The children will investigate...

- Money - recognise, describe and order Australian coins according to their value.
- Fractions - recognise and describe one half as one of two equal parts of a whole.
- Time - tell time to the half hour and describe duration using months, weeks, days and hours.
- Subtraction - represent and solve subtraction problems using a range of strategies.

We will certainly be busy little mathematicians!

Interact Unit "NECESSITY: RAW TO READY!"

Rational: By understanding where resources come from and how much is involved in getting them processed, we can decide whether it makes sense to buy it or produce it ourselves.

Our inquiry topic looks at 'necessity' and involves discerning between 'needs' and 'wants'. This unit has some valuable real-life lessons for students in relation to making choices. We will also be looking at where products come from and how we can make educated choices about what to buy, eat and consume. We will be exploring a variety of different and interesting places to find answers to our questions.

Religious Education

we have three Religious Education units we will be exploring during the term.

Growing and Changing (Eucharist)

The learning experiences over the next few weeks will help the children explore their gift of life. They will discover that Jesus grew and changed just like them and that He gave His friends the Eucharist (Mass) to help them say thank you for their gift of life.

Lots of Learning (Bible)

The children will explore the ability to learn and the special people in their lives that help them to learn. The unit looks at Jesus and His learning gifts and how He used these gifts to teach others. The children will discover that they can learn about God through the Bible.
The children will explore various elements of creation enabling them to appreciate all the wonderful things God has created in our universe. The unit also explores the ways Jesus enjoyed creation and how we can care for and appreciate the creation around us.

Uniforms

Just a few friendly reminders in regards to uniforms:

* Hair ties, headbands, ribbons etc are to be in school colours (yellow, black or navy blue).

* No ‘sock’ type socks – we need to be able to see your child’s white socks!

* Please remove any nail polish from your child’s fingers.

* Earrings are to be a simple stud or small sleeper style…nothing fancy please!

Thank you for your cooperation.

Reading Roster

Our reading roster for this term is up and running as of week 2. If you can listen to the children read…please sign up! Thanks to those parents who have given up their time this year…especially on those cold mornings!

Library

Our library day has changed to a Friday. If your child does not return their book each week they will be unable to borrow a book. Your child also requires a library bag in order to borrow each week. We have some beautiful new stories in our library and are encouraging the children to look after them at home.

Hand/Eye Clinic

The Year one children will be involved in a Hand/Eye Clinic (tennis) in week 8 of this term. The children do not need to bring anything…just their water bottle like usual.

Timetable Changes

For the remainder of the year the Year one students will be having Sport on a Wednesday (they will need to wear their faction house shirt on this day)

Library is now on a Friday.

Friday Junior Sport (yellow shirt) will not be changing.

Important Dates for Term Three

Please continue to check the school website and class pages, as updates may occur.

PALF School Disco- Superhero theme - Friday 29th July

MacKillop House Day whole School Mass - Monday 8th August

Book week Begins - Monday 22nd August

Three way Interviews - Wednesday 24th August

Father’s Day Breakfast at 7.30am - Friday 2nd September

Year one Father’s Day Assembly at 8.45am - Friday 2nd September

Hand/Eye Clinic week Begins - Monday 5th September

De Vialar House Day - Monday 12th September

Open Classrooms 4-6pm - Wednesday 14th September

Athletics Carnival - Friday 16th September

Last day for students - Thursday 22nd September