

TERM TWO

Friday 28th April 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for a busy term two ahead! We hope you have managed to enjoy time with your children. We are excited about the teaching and learning that will be occurring this term and look forward to meeting with you for Three Way Interviews in Week 6.

Kind Regards,

Tiana Massimi and Chantelle Goodall

NAPLAN

During Week Three we have the commencement of NAPLAN testing, starting with Language Conventions and Writing on Tuesday followed by Reading on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday. We look forward to the children doing their best and they will be well supported throughout the process.

In preparation for NAPLAN we recommend the following...

- Make sure your child gets a good night sleep.
- Having a healthy breakfast helps your child have the energy to focus throughout the day.
- Please make sure they do not feel extra pressure about the test - this is not helpful as it just causes unnecessary anxiety.
- It is most important that your child arrives on time for school (otherwise this too can cause stress for a child).

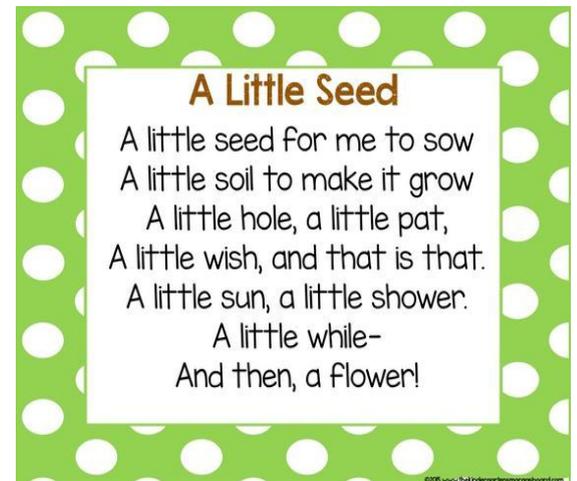


Following NAPLAN, we will have our Three Way Interviews on Wednesday in Week 6. These interviews will include parents, your child and the teacher. The child will lead the interview and they have much to share!

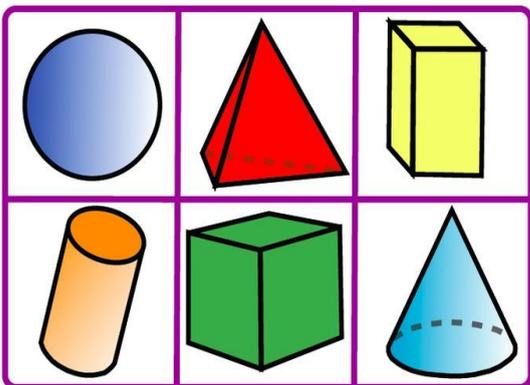
LITERACY

This term students will be working through tasks designed to develop their writing skills, focussing on how to write their own narratives. We will be exploring a range of different narratives - looking at the Orientation, Complication, Resolution and Ending of each text. We will then be using our developing knowledge to draft and write our own narratives.

Students will also be developing their reading and comprehension skills by focussing on different strategies they can use to understand a text. Lastly, in the final weeks of term, we will be introducing the Year Threes to the wonder of poetry. We will start with identifying language features and patterns encountered in literary texts, for example characterisation, rhyme, rhythm, mood, music, sound effects and dialogue.



MATHS



 First Teacher

This term students will be investigating Two Dimensional and Three Dimensional Shapes. We will be looking at what is needed for an object to be 2D or 3D. Students will be making models of three dimensional shapes and looking at their key features. Students will be creating and interpreting simple grid maps to show position and pathways as well as experimenting with lines of symmetry.. They will also be identifying angles as measures of turn and compare angle sizes in everyday situations. For mental maths students will be exploring a range of strategies to use for subtraction sums.

INTEGRATED STUDIES

The key concept this term is Sustainability - "Look at What We Have Got." Students will be developing an appreciation of our natural environment and take responsibility to ensure it is preserved. They will think creatively and critically as they act like scientists and geographers to solve problems.



Investigation Into:

- Designing and conducting scientific experiments
- The importance of habitats for plants and animals
- The impact that we can have on the environment

Essential Questions:

- What is a fair test?
- How have animals and plants adapted to their habitat?
- How do we affect the survival of living things?



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Students will be exploring the unit 'Christian Conscience' - Penance. In this unit students will develop an understanding that within the the core of every human being is a conscience. Within their conscience, all can hear the echoes of God's voice calling them to love, to do good and to avoid doing wrong. The unit explores ways in which Jesus showed us how to follow our conscience through our thoughts and feelings. Students will be exploring their own conscience throughout this unit.



As the term concludes, reports will be finalised and uploaded on SEQTA Engage. All families should already have a username and password to access these reports. If you need any assistance please phone the School Office on 9256 9696.

We look forward to enjoying a wonderful term of learning with your child!

Kind Regards,

Tiana Massimi and Chantelle Goodall

