



Levels 1 & 2 Newsletter Term 2 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2 of the 2017 school year. We had a very successful Term 1 with students settling back into the school routine well. We will be continuing to work towards the Victorian Curriculum Levels 1 & 2 throughout the term. We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the students and we will have a great Term 2 filled with some exciting activities.

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Scienceworks

As part of our Integrated Studies topic 'Change Detectives', Grades 1/2B, 1/2C, 1/2L and 1P have planned an excursion to Scienceworks.

The trip is planned for Friday the 16th of June. All students will participate in both a Nitty Gritty Super City interactive exhibit and Guess Again educator led experimental session.

We will be returning to school by 3:15pm.

Your child needs to be at school on time as the bus will be leaving at **8:45 sharp**.



Education Week

Grandparent's Day will be on Monday 22nd May and the children will write invitations to invite their grandparents to their classroom.

We will also be having a Robotics program held on Friday the 19th May to Friday 26th of May. Notices have been sent home to secure your child a place as spots are limited!

Thursday the 25th May will be an Open Working Day which is an opportunity for parents to come and see their children working hard in class.

School Photos

A reminder that School Photos are on

Tuesday May 23rd

Please ensure your child is dressed in complete school uniform, including **black school shoes**.

Integrated Studies

Our topic for this term is:

Change Detectives

Our unit is a chemical science based unit, where the children explore and observe every day and scientific changes.

In this unit the children will be exposed to, and explore chemical reactions in a hands on way through experiments and observations that will be happening in classrooms.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to those students that have finished their Premier's Reading Challenge already!

Please continue to read books from the reading challenge list as we need to have them completed by the end of Term 2.

Reports

This term we are writing the students' reports and it would be extremely helpful if the students arrived on time and were not absent to ensure that they do not miss any assessment tasks.

Slippers

Please provide your students with slippers to bring to school as students will be encouraged to take off their shoes during class time over the winter.



Dates for your Diary

May:

11th & 12th May Mothers Day Stall
19th – 26th May – Robotics
20th May – Open Day 10am – 1pm
22nd – 26th May – Education Week
22nd May – Grandparents Day
25th May – Working Open Day
23rd May – School Photos

June:

12th June – Queen's Birthday
13th June – Pupil Free Day
16th June – Scienceworks Excursion
30th June – End of Term 2 early dismissal 2.30pm.

iPads

We will continue to use iPads to enhance the learning of the children in Level 1 & 2. If you have contributed to the cost of a device, please ensure that your child brings their device to school every Monday if they take it home on the previous Friday.

You will find the updated list of apps for 2017 on the school website soon. It is vital that all of these apps be loaded onto your child's device promptly, so that your child has these apps available to use during planned activities.

Please also make sure that any non-educational apps are kept on a back page of the iPad, as we use iPads first and foremost for your child's education.

It would be a great help if the iPads are set up in the order suggested on the app list.

Specialist Timetable

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Refer to individual class timetables

Show And Tell

Thank you to all the families who took part in the Show and Tell preparation for last term's topic. We had some very interesting Power Point presentations as well as many posters, which we proudly displayed in our classrooms.

It is an expectation that all students produce something on their day. While we want the parents to participate in this process, we recommend that you do not do all the work for your child but share the preparation with them and help them practise what they need to say.

Keep up the great work this term!



Reminders

- Book Covers and Diaries – Please ensure your child brings their book cover and diary to school **every day** as we read with our partners every morning.
- Drink Bottles – Children are encouraged to drink water from their drink bottle at any time during the day. They need to bring a named drink bottle with **water** in it, to school every day.
- Sharing Food – Children are **not** permitted to share food at school as a number of children have food allergies. Unfortunately students **cannot** bring food to share on their birthday. Please be aware that we have students in the school that have nut, egg and other extreme allergies.
- It is very disruptive when they walk into the classroom after the bell has rung, we ask that you ensure that your child gets to school **by 8:45**.
- If your child is late you **must** accompany your child to the office to get a late pass and then you **must** accompany them to their classroom.