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# 2/3 S Newsletter

## Ms Linda Starr

### Term 1 Newsletters Grade 2/3 S

Dear parents,

Welcome back to Term 1. We hope that all students have had a great holiday. The children have returned with such enthusiasm and are ready for learning. My name is Linda Starr and I am pleased to have joined this amazing team at M.P.S. and look forward to the year ahead. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the students, families and staff so far, and can't wait for a productive term.

#### Term 1 Overview

**Reading:** Students have already been discussing reading goals. Students are keen to improve on their reading fluency and reading comprehension strategies.

#### Numeracy:

Students have started thinking and discussing what they would like to improve on in Mathematics.

#### Writing:

The focus this term will be on recount writing and narratives. Students will be able to select an area that they would like to improve on in writing and this will be their writing goal.

#### Three Way Conferences

As in previous years, we will be holding our 3-way conferences later in this term. These conferences are attended by the teacher, the student and their parent/s/ guardians, and provide an important opportunity for you to share with me any important information you might have about your child. It also allows me the opportunity to share any concerns I may have, and for your child to share their learning goals with you. The booking system will be on a first in basis. I look forward to meeting with you and your child.

#### I am, you are, we are Australian.

In term 1, our discovery topic will focus on students exploring the history and diversity of their community and the celebrations and commemorations, symbols and emblems important to Australians and others. Beginning with the history of exploration and colonisation.

#### Take Home Folders

This year, I will be using your child's diary and document wallet as a key communication tool and therefore it is very important that your child brings this wallet everyday. Homework will be given out on Tuesday and is due back on Monday. It is important that you check your child's diary each night. This is where messages will be communicated between the teacher and the family. If you would like to contact me, this is where you can arrange a day and time suitable for both to meet at a mutually convenient time. All additional information will be sent in the document wallets, therefore please read and act upon them as soon as possible.

**Teachers who love teaching, teach children to love learning.**



# Be SunSmart, Play SunSmart



## Sun Smart: Mitcham P.S

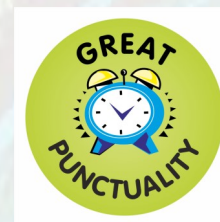
Remember, you wear a hat if you are going outside during school time. If your child forgets their hat they will need to sit outside in a designated shaded area during playtime. During the warmer weather please remember to ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school every day.

## Show & Tell.

In the 1/2 team we expect that all grade 2 students will be involved in show and tell over the year. A roster will be sent out to you.

## Punctuality

It is very important that your child comes to school on time everyday, not too early and not late. The expected time for arrival is at 8.30am because that's when teacher supervision in the school yard starts and not later than 8.45am because that's when instructional time commences. If the children arrive after the class has gone inside, the parent is expected to accompany their child to the office, fill out a Late Pass and take the child to the classroom. A reminder that children **must be accompanied** to the office by their parent if they are getting a late pass.



## Technology



Grade 2/3 S will be involved in exploring and learning about the Google platform. The children will be encouraged to work collaboratively using Google Docs.

Ipads will continue to be a learning tool for the students.

## 2/3 S Essential Agreement. Classroom Rules

1. To try my best every time I come to school.
2. Respect my teacher/classmates/myself.
3. Be on time and ready to learn.
4. Listen when others talk.
5. Take responsibility for your actions.
6. Participate in whole/small/whole group work.

## Dates for your diary!

**Information Night**– Monday 19th February. Grade 2 students will begin at 6.00pm in Room 9. Grade 3 students will begin at 6.50pm in Room 3.

**Three Way Conferences**– T.B.C. towards the end of the term.

**Labour Day Public Holiday**– Monday 12th March.

**Pupil Free Day**- Tuesday 13th March.

**Harmony Day**– Wednesday 21st March.

**House Athletics**- Thursday 8th March.

**End Term 1**– Thursday 29th March. **2.30pm dismissal**

**NAPLAN**– Tuesday 15th May–Thursday 17th May

**Grade 3/4 Camp**- Wed 25th July–Fri 27th July

