Inquiry Learning: Creativity and Design

Welcome to Term 3, there are many exciting and new things happening in the Grade 1 and 2 area. Firstly we would like to welcome Ms Knight who has replaced Mrs BC while she is on maternity leave. The students will continue to develop their knowledge of the Chinese Language as our L.O.T.E classes commence this semester.

**Book Week:** Book Week is a celebration of literacy held in Week 6. There will be school wide activities, concluding with a whole school book parade where students and teachers will dress up as a character from a favorite book.

**MADD Week:** MADD week (Music, Art, Drama and Dance) is held in Week 7. Students will be engaged with multi level groups that will participate in activities in these 4 areas.

**Swimming:** Our swimming program has already commenced at our new venue Huntingtower School. All students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 will attend on the following days: July: 28th and 31st, August: 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th, 18th and 20th.

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**Upcoming Events**

28, 31 July 4, 6, 11 13 18 20 August

- Swimming
- **Monday 24 – Friday 28 August**
  - Book Week
- **Friday 28 August**
  - Book Week Parade
- **Monday 31 August**
  - Swimming Carnival
- **Thursday 3 September (Grade 2)**
  - Little Woodworkers Incursion
- **Friday 4 September**
  - Little Woodworkers Incursion (Grade 1)
- **September 7– 11**
  - MADD Week
- **Friday September 25**
- **End of Term 3**
- **Monday October 12**
  - Term 4 Begins
Term 3 Curriculum – What are we Learning?

Inquiry Learning
We have started Inquiry Learning this term with the topic, “Creativity and Design” which the students have shown great interest in. Students will be looking at the different areas of design. They will explore the design process and materials to use. They will be encouraged to show creativity and learn to express themselves through design.

English
Reading: Readers are continuing to come home every night. Please continue to encourage and assist your child to read and record the books they read in their reading diaries.

Writing: This term, students will be learning to write narratives and procedures.

Show & Tell: Students have been given topics for each week’s show and tell. These topics tie in with our inquiry unit on Creativity and Design. Encourage them to practise at home.

Maths
This term students will be learning about:

- Place Value, Number Patterns, Division, Multiplication, Fractions, Addition, Subtraction, Problem Solving and Money (Number)
- Chance (Statistics & Probability)
- Area, Volume and Capacity, Transformation, Symmetry and Tessellations. (Measurement & Geometry)

Specialists
Students will once again have the opportunity to participate in a broad range of specialist subjects which include: Performing Arts, Visual Arts, P.E, Science and L.O.T.E.

Library Day is every Wednesday fortnight for Grade 1 and every Tuesday fortnight for Grade 2.

L.O.T.E (Chinese) is held on Mondays for Grade 2 and Tuesday for Grade 1.

Art is held fortnightly on Wednesdays for both Grade 1 and 2.

Performing Arts and P.E continue to be held weekly.

Homework
Students in Grade 1 and 2 should practise reading aloud every night for 15 minutes to an adult. Please record the books your child reads each night in their reading diary. Grade 2 students should also practise spelling their weekly spelling words every night.

Reminders

P.E
The students will be participating in a Gymnastics program this term. Students will need to wear shorts or tracksuit pants to their P.E sessions while they are doing Gymnastics.

Absences
Please notify the school if your child / children will be absent from school. All Absences must be explained. You can call the office, write a note or see your child’s teacher to explain any absence. You can also use Tiqbiz to notify the school if your child / children will be absent.

Hats & Water
Students are not required to wear a hat until 1st of September. We kindly remind parents to provide children with a plastic bottle of water to have with them throughout the day.

Parent Helpers
We need parents to assist with groups and reading with students. If you would like to assist in your child’s classroom please chat with your child’s class teacher.

Lunch Orders
Metro Canteens will continue to run our canteen service out of the café at Ashwood College each day. Canteen orders need to be placed online from home, from a computer located in the library or over the counter at Ashwood College.