



Welcome back to Term 4 2017



The Year 1 classes played games from the past for their tuning in task including hopscotch and elastics for their Inquiry Unit 'Times they're a changing'

Welcome back to the final term of 2017. Term 4 is a busy and exciting time at Parkhill for our Year 1 and 2 students. We have the highly anticipated Year 2 Sleepover, where the Year 2 students get to spend the night at school and help them to prepare for Year 3 and 4 camp. We have exciting and engaging excursions and incursions in relation to our Inquiry units including trips to the Melbourne Museum and CERES, and a toys incursion.

The Year 1 and 2 Team would like to say a big thank you to Mr Cassidy Van Bloom for his hard work during Term 3. Although it is not a goodbye yet as you may see him around Parkhill when teaching 5D for Mr Alex Davies while he is on paternity leave.

Upcoming Events

Friday 27th August

Year 2 Sleepover

Tuesday 31st October

Year 1 Toys Incursion

Friday 3rd November

Melbourne Museum

Monday 6th November

Report Writing Day

Tuesday 7th November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Monday 20th November

Year 1 CERES Excursion TBC

Wednesday 22nd November

Dental van visit

Thursday 23rd November

Dental Van visit

Friday 24th of November

Dental Van visit

Thursday 7th December

Fun, Food and Carols

Tuesday 12th December

Transition

Friday 22nd December

End of Term

Term 4 Curriculum – What are we Learning?

Inquiry Learning

This term Year 1 students will be learning about history focusing on daily life. Later in the term they will be inquiring into celebrations from different cultures. The Year 2 students will be inquiring into Geography focusing on what globes and maps represent and how and why people connect with special places including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Later in the term the Year 2s will inquire into history as well but focusing on transports. Take a look at the display boards in our classrooms to see our statements of understanding and lines of inquiry.

Reading

In Term 4 our 'Café Menu' reading focus is comprehension and vocabulary. We will be learning and using different strategies to help support understanding of texts. Check out the 'Café' board in your class to see what strategies we have been working on. We will be focusing on inferring, visualising and building vocabulary.

Writing

This term students will be learning to write persuasive texts and poetry. We will be using the 'Seven Steps to Writing Success' to enrich our teaching of these text types and will cover the steps 'Sizzling Starts' and 'Exciting Endings'.

Show & Tell

Students have been given a list of topics for each week's Show and Tell this term. It is expected that all students will have a short presentation prepared each week. Please encourage your child to practise at home to help with their preparation. Students can draw pictures, bring photos or create a PowerPoint slideshow to support their presentation.

Maths

The Maths topics we will be covering this term are money, transitions, fractions, volume and capacity, operations and problem solving.

Homework

Students in Year 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. Year 1 and Year 2 students should practise their Magic word lists. Year 2 students should also practise spelling their weekly spelling words each night in preparation for spelling tests each Friday using their Look Say Cover Write Check books.

REMINDERS

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

Students will need to start wearing hats again in September. Please make sure that hats are clearly named so that they can be returned to your child if lost.

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 parent representative.

Lunch Orders- by Metro Canteens and Classroom Cuisine

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.

Classroom Cuisine

Please order online at: <https://www.classroomcuisine.com.au> Orders are delivered to the classroom. Please note that Classroom Cuisine is NOT available on Tuesdays.

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.

Specialists

In Term 4 specialist classes of LOTE, Library, PE, Performing Arts and Art are continuing. The year 1 and 2 classes are having LOTE on Mondays, Library on Tuesdays, PE and Performing Arts on Wednesday and Art fortnightly on a Friday. Sending students to school in their runners and appropriate uniform on a Wednesday would be great to ensure they're comfortable during PE lessons. Also a reminder for students to bring back their Library books by Tuesday to ensure they're not overdue so students can continue to enjoy borrowing books.

Weeks 7-9

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1BC	LOTE*	Library	P.E & Performing Arts		Art*
1S	LOTE*	Library	P.E & Performing Arts		Art*
2M	LOTE	Library	P.E & Performing Arts		Art*
2S	LOTE	Library	P.E & Performing Arts		Art*