



Welcome back to Term 4 2016

Upcoming Events

Friday 21st October

Year 1 Incursion

**Friday 21st – Saturday 22nd
October**

Year 2 Sleepover

Tuesday 25th October

Athletics Day

Wednesday 26th October

Year 1 Rippon Lea Excursion

Monday 31st October

Curriculum Day

Tuesday 1st November

Melbourne Cup Holiday

Thursday 3rd November

Year 2 Rippon Lea Excursion

Monday 14th November

Year 2 Mrs Sargood's Incursion

Wednesday 16th November

Year 2 Melbourne Museum
Excursion



Term 4 is a busy and exciting time at Parkhill, our Year 1 & 2 classes have lots of exciting upcoming events to look forward to. Our Year 2 classes have had a busy start to the term, moving into their new classrooms as the first stage of our school rebuild begins. You can now find the Year 2 classes in the green portable in the car park.

Our exciting 'Tuning in' activities have been taking place in our Inquiry lessons. Students have looked at items from the past and asked lots of questions. We look forward to discovering lots of new information about how things have changed over time as our Inquiry progresses.

Term 4 Curriculum – What are we Learning?

Inquiry Learning

This term Year 1 & 2 students will be learning about history. We will be inquiring into items from the past and what they were used for, as well as what daily life was like. 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 focuses are comprehension and expanding vocabulary. Check out the 'Café' board in your class to see what strategies we have been working on. This week we have been working on inferring. Students have been practicing using clues from the text and their prior knowledge to make inferences. Readers should still be coming 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 persuasive texts and poetry. We will be using the 'Seven Steps to Writing Success' to enrich our teaching of these text types. We 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 place value, length, area & perimeter, addition, subtraction, volume & capacity, multiplication & division, transformations & symmetry and mass.

Specialists

Our specialist timetable for Term 4 has changed slightly. Due to the start of the rebuild, Library sessions will not run this term. (*Art sessions run fortnightly)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1B		LOTE & Art*		Science, P.E & Performing Arts
1K		Art* & LOTE		Science, Performing Arts & P.E
1M		LOTE & Art*		P.E, Performing Arts & Science
2C	LOTE	Performing Arts, P.E & Art*	Science	
2S	LOTE	P.E, Performing Arts & Art*		Science

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.

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 TiaBiz to notify the school if your child / children will be absent.

Hats

Students need to wear hats throughout Term 4. 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 teacher or 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.