Welcome Back!

Welcome to all of our new and returning families for 2016. We trust that you enjoyed your Christmas holidays and are feeling excited, refreshed and ready for an exciting year ahead. This newsletter will provide you with a brief outline of what students will be learning throughout Term 1 across all subject areas.

English

This term, students will be reading and listening to the book George’s Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl, as well as a range of other procedural texts. Students will then write their own procedure.

Mathematics

This term, students will investigate various number sequences and explore grouping as well as representing numbers up to 1000. They will examine units of measurement in order to compare and order shapes and objects based on length, area, volume and capacity. Students will also explore chance and the collection of data to construct simple graphs. They will engage in a range of learning activities to further develop their understanding of time, calendars and two dimensional shapes.
History and Geography

In 2016, students will engage in learning experiences for both Geography and History. They will investigate the Geography units in Semester 1 and the History units in Semester 2. In Term 1, students will examine representations of the world as geographical divisions, develop questions about places and represent connections between places by constructing a map and using symbols.

Art

This Semester, students will be studying Visual Arts. They will be exploring the use of warm and cool colours and identifying and creating different types of texture and lines to express feelings and ideas.

Technology and Design

This Semester, students will explore different celebrations from around the world. They will examine and replicate appropriate decorations. Students will then design and create their own decoration for a celebration of their choice.

ICT

This Semester, students will use both iPads and computers for a range of different learning activities. They will be given the opportunity to develop simple computer skills, such as logging in and exploring various applications.

Home Reading

Remember reading is to be enjoyable, fun and a time for you to share the joy of reading with your child. This year, students will be able to use the program Reading Eggs for in class and at home reading. A letter will be sent home in week 2 with information regarding home readers in your child’s classroom.

Ideas for assisting your child at home when reading:

Find a place that is comfortable, relaxed and quiet for your child to read. Before reading the book, allow your child to look at the pictures on the front cover. Ask them to make predictions about the content of the story. Your child may also like to look through the book before reading it. Children gain meaning by looking at the pictures, reading the words and from making connections with events in the book. Ask your child questions relating to what, where, who, how and why – this will aide in improving your child’s comprehension skills.

Contact

To contact your child’s teacher please either contact the office on (07) 3382 4333 and leave a message or make an appointment before or after school. The year 2 Teachers for 2016 are:

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