



Dear Parents/Carers,

We look forward to your support continuing throughout the year so that together we may provide your child with a happy and successful year at school. **Please ensure all equipment is in good working order –glue sticks, whiteboard markers and pencils may need replacing.**



Thank you for your continued support during the recent 'Learning From Home' period. It is great to see our students back at school and positively engaged in classroom activities. To assist with the safe drop off and pick up of all students we ask that all parents

- say goodbye at the designated drop off points – outside the hall or on the court
- remain socially distanced, 1.5m apart, whilst waiting for children at pick up time and move promptly off the school grounds as per DoE guidelines

Library borrowing will commence this week. Our borrowing day is **Tuesday**. All students must have their library tote bag to borrow and have returned their outstanding book.

Our assemblies will remain 'virtual' and be posted to our Google Classroom / Microsoft Teams for the remainder of this term. Take some time to enjoy watching these with your children.

Scripture Lessons are currently being taught online. If you have selected a scripture class on your child's enrolment form, you may wish to access the lessons from home. A link for most religious groups will be posted to Google Classroom / Microsoft Teams.



Learning activities for the remainder of the term will focus on

ENGLISH: Students in Stage 2 will be working on gaining a deeper level of understanding and greater fluency when reading more complex texts. Opportunities to improve reading skills through guided, shared and independent reading activities operate continuously in the classroom, as reading is an integral part of learning in all other KLAs. This term in writing, we will be focusing on writing to entertain (narratives) and writing to inform (exposition and discussion). In Year 3 students use a lead pencil for writing and gradually acquire the skills of Foundation Cursive writing (running writing). In Year 4 students write in Foundation Cursive continually and are working towards the acquisition of their Pen Licence.

MATHEMATICS: teaching is divided into five strands with a strong emphasis on Working Mathematically. All classes will continue to work from the 'A Learning Place, A Teaching Place' program. Students will have opportunities to learn measurement and geometry concepts by using equipment and applying known strategies to solve problems

HISTORY: Students will continue with the topic 'Community and Remembrance' from the History Syllabus. Opportunities to reflect on various sources of information and the need to have historical artefacts for our community will be taught.

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY: This term's topic is 'Forces'. Students will work learn about friction and force. They will participate in hands on scientific experiments.



PDHPE: Fitness lessons where students focus on raising their heart rate through fundamental movement skills, are carried out in class. PE lessons will focus on road safety and healthy life styles. On Friday mornings, students will undertake sport with their class teacher. PSSA has been postponed for Term 2. Crunch n Sip is carried out every day in the morning session.

CREATIVE ARTS: Students in Stage 2 will be exposed to all strands of Creative Arts throughout the term with a focus on music. Music sessions are based on the Musica Viva program.

ABSENCE NOTES: All students will continue to 'Strive for 95' because the greater the attendance, the greater the achievement! It is a Departmental requirement that a note explaining an absence is provided to the teacher when a student returns to school. Please ensure these notes are signed and dated. Alternatively, absences can be reported by using the school app.

BIRTHDAYS: At this time we are unable to accommodate any birthday food, treats or gifts for the class. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Should you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of your child's schooling please contact the office on 9630-1768 and make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher.

Thanks!


Regards,
Stage Two Teachers

Miss Dodd, Mr Jones, Miss Pham, Mrs Postlethwaite & Mr Wylie

Stage Two Assistant Principals
Mr Wheatley & Miss Young

Principal
Mrs Methven