

1/2 NEWSLETTER

TERM 4, 2022



INQUIRY

In Inquiry in Term 4 the 1/2 students are investigating healthy habits through the unit "Our Growing Minds and Bodies". Students will be learning about how bodies change and grow in different life stages and how they can make choices in life to stay healthy. We have planned an excursion to the Queen Victoria Market to learn about the different food choices that are available.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 18th October - Queen Victoria Market Excursion

Monday 31st October - Curriculum Day NO SCHOOL

Tuesday 1st November - Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 7th December - School Concert

Thursday 15th December - Semester 2 Student Reports available on Compass

Tuesday 20th December - Last day of Term 4

LITERACY

Literacy in 1/2 this term will be focused on reading and writing fiction and non-fiction texts.

In Reading, students will be learning about how to retell and summarise fiction texts, discussing the characters, setting and the author's message.

In Writing, students will be learning about writing persuasive texts and letters. We will have a continued focus on sentence structure, punctuation and letter formation. We will also be continuing to implement the SMART spelling program.

NUMERACY

In Numeracy in 1/2 this term, the students will be covering a range of topics, including:

- Fractions
- Data/Graphs
- Telling time
- Reading calendars
- Patterns.





ART

This term in Grade 1/2, students will be exploring textiles, fashion design and paper construction. The Grade 1/2s will have opportunities to cut fabrics to create outfits for our new mini mannequins and further develop their fine motor skills through weaving and threading. Grade 1/2s will be learning to sew a running stitch to create a decorative wall hanging. Students will also explore bending, folding and twisting paper to create 3D artworks.

Lots of colourful and imaginative fun to be had in Art this term!



MUSIC

This term in Music the focus in Grade 1/2 will be on learning about the concepts of Tone Colour, Texture (Thick or Thin) and Form through movement (dance), playing tuned (xylophones. Boomwhackers) and un-tuned percussion musical instruments and voice (singing).



PE

This term in Grade 1/2 we will be given the opportunity to learn essential motor skills while playing games. The motor skills include overhead throw, catch, punt, kick, fore hand strike, ball bounce, run, leap, dodge and vertical jumps.

1/2 HOMEWORK AND REMINDERS



Homework in grade 1/2 is reading and spelling. Please encourage your children to read daily and fill in their yellow home reading diary. Your child's teacher will record their current reading goal in their yellow diary, which can guide your discussions as you listen to your child read each day. Each week your child will bring home a copy of the spelling words from our class spelling program. Please make some time each day to go over these spelling words. Words will be based around our SMART spelling focus and tested each Friday.

Donations of tissues and hand sanitiser would be appreciated - as the weather gets warmer and hayfever season hits, we still use a lot of tissues!