

## 1/2 NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, 2023



### INQUIRY

Our Inquiry topic this term is 'Who Are We?'. During this unit, we will be looking at family and learning about how things that happened in the past can impact our lives today. Students will also be comparing their lives and how they live to those of previous generations. To support student learning, we have an excursion to look forward to on February 17th. We will be visiting the Melbourne Museum and visiting an exhibition called 'My Grandmother's Toy Box.'

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday 28th February - Meet the Teacher
- Monday 13th March - Labour Day - NO SCHOOL
- Friday 6th April - Last Day of Term 1



### LITERACY

Our Writing program will begin with a focus on punctuation and sentence structure. We will also:

- Set up a 'Writer's Notebook' which will be a place for students to generate writing ideas and collect inspiration
- Focus on word choice and how particular words can add value to our writing.
- Write Information Texts.

Our Reading program will also take place, with a big focus on comprehension and decoding strategies. We will also be working on:

- Inferring
- Comparing different text genres
- Learning about and using features of Information texts (for example an index, glossary etc).



### HOMEWORK

Homework in grade 1/2 is reading and spelling. Can you 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.

### NUMERACY

Within Numeracy, we will begin this term by revising and building on student Place Value knowledge. We will be breaking down numbers, looking at the value of each digit in the number and using this knowledge to recognise, model, represent and order numbers.

We will then be covering a range of topics over the rest of the term, including:

- Data Collection/Representation
- Money
- Time (using a calendar, days of the week, months of the year and seasons).

## ART



Hello from the Art room! It has been wonderful to see our students so excited to return after our holiday break, and we wish to also extend our welcome to new students beginning at AMPS.

This term, the Grade 1/2s will be learning about line, shape and colour through drawing and painting. Students will experiment with different materials such as pastels, markers and pencils to further develop their drawing and fine motor skills. Art smocks are supplied.

## MUSIC



This term in Music the focus in Grade 1/2 will be on learning about the concepts of Beat and Rhythm through movement (dance), playing tuned (xylophones. Boomwhackers) and untuned percussion musical instruments and voice (singing).

## PE



This term the focus for Grades 1 / 2 will be establishing class procedures, Fundamental Movement skills (running, jumping, hopping, galloping, crawling, balancing) incorporated with animal movements. The students will also engage in hula hoop activities and balancing.

## AUSLAN



This term students at AMPS are beginning their journey learning Auslan. In Grade 1 and 2 we will be learning basic signs connected to the following topics - Numbers, Fingerspelling (Alphabet), Conversations, Colours, Animals and Family.

We will also be learning and practising classroom routines and expectations for the Auslan classroom. Grade 1 + 2 students will begin to develop their knowledge of signs and how to use them in context through activities and games tailored to their learning.

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