

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term Two, I hope you all had a fantastic break and are as excited to be back as I am. We have plenty of exciting things happening this term, one in particular being our Assembly in Week Seven!

Specialist Classes

Children will participate in specialist subjects with the allocated times listed below. Sometimes we need to be flexible and these times can change.

| Specialist | Day/Time |
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| Art | Monday 9:20-10:20am |
| Music | Thursday 8:20-9:20am |
| Sport | Thursday 11:45-12:45pm |
| Digital Technologies | Monday 1:25-2:30pm |
| Library | Wednesday 9:50-10:20am |

Homework

There will be slight changes to homework this term as follows; students will be required to complete nightly reading which will now be checked every Friday. Students will be rewarded for every 5 nights of reading that they complete and this will be displayed on our 'Nights Reading Chart' on entry to the classroom. In addition, sight words are of high importance to ensure for fluency in reading and writing, therefor these will now be checked on a daily basis as students enter the classroom in the morning. As you are aware, Mathletics will be used both at home and in the classroom and tasks will be assigned weekly.

News Topics

Please note, News is a very important component of class Talking and Listening Programs. All children are expected to participate in this program each week and have been assigned a news day at the beginning of the year. Please ensure your child is prepared for their news day, as the specific topics listed below are directly related to work being completed in the classroom

- Delivery of news should take no longer than 2 minutes per student.
- Photographs, illustrations and/or topic-related artefacts to accompany news are most welcome.
- Skill Development: this term we will be concentrating on voice projection and relevant information in a logical order.



| <i>Week</i> | <i>Topic</i> |
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| 2 | <i>No News this week</i> |
| 3 | <u>Healthy Choice</u> Share with the class one healthy activity you did during the holidays. You may have gone for a walk, played a game outside or gone to the pool. Explain what parts of your body were used. |
| 4 | <u>My Mini-Beast</u> Bring in a mini-beast from your backyard, draw a picture or take a photo and bring it in. Tell the class three interesting facts about the mini-beast and its different characteristics. We will add it to our Science display. |
| 5 | <u>Seasons</u> What is your favourite season and why? |
| 6 | <i>No News this week</i> |
| 7 | <u>Free Choice</u> You choose what you would like to share with the class. |
| 8 | <u>My Favourite Part of Term Two</u> Share with the class your favourite part of Term Two and explain why. |
| 9 | <i>No News this week</i> |

Library

Please support your child's literacy, reading and research skills by encouraging them to borrow one book each week and to return it on the correct day. It is important that your child has a library bag to borrow a book each week.

Assembly

Our assembly will be taking place this Term, in Week Seven. Closer to the date I will be sending a note home with further information and a request for parent help which will be greatly appreciated (and the kids will love)!

Connect

Connect will be used this term as a platform for positive communication and to share classroom information. Logins will be sent home and instructions of how to access the website. If there are any questions, please make a time to see me so we can go through the use of the Connect in further detail.

I am looking forward to another fantastic and busy term and I hope you are too!

Kindest Regards,

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