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YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER Term 2

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Welcome back to our **Year 1** students and families. We hope you have had a safe and enjoyable break. Term 2 promises to be another productive term and the children will be involved in many engaging programs.

Year 1 classes will continue to program collaboratively across all Key Learning Areas. This note will provide an overview of teaching and learning programs for all Year 1 classes. We look forward to working closely with you to support your child.

Assessment Capable Students

We continue to ensure that our students are invested in their learning by actively being aware and aspiring to improve their next steps of learning using the Novice to Master approach. Our students and teachers use Learning Intentions and Success Criteria every day. This term, we are focusing on Descriptive Feedback. Dr Lyn Sharratt (Clarity, 2019 p. 137) explains, 'It is essential that students receive feedback during the learning, and it is equally important that they are provided sufficient time to implement what they have learned from the feedback'.

Effective Feedback processes provide the bridge between assessment and learning. High quality feedback can improve student learning significantly.

English

Students will continue to develop their reading skills using a range of strategies, including explicit teaching, modelled and guided reading, partner and fluency reading, as well as a range of activities to support literal comprehension of texts. Students engage with high quality rich texts to examine text features, vocabulary, and sentence structure. They will plan and create a variety of written texts for different purposes. An emphasis will continue to be placed on spelling development using the Triple Word Form Theory approach (orthographic, phonological, morphological), grammar and punctuation.

Weeks	Phonics and Spelling Focus
1-2	Long a -ai and ay (as in train and hay) Revision of split digraph (a-e as in game)
3-4	Long e - Ee/ea (as in tree and leaf) Revision of split digraph (e-e as in theme)
5-6	Long i- igh, ie and y as in light, pie and my Revision of split digraph (i-e as in bike)
7-8	Long o- oa and ow as in boat and rainbow Revision of split digraph (o-e as in hose)
9-10	Long u - ew, oo and ue as in screw, moon and glue Revision of split digraph (u-e as in cube)

Term 2 Diary Dates

April 30th – Students return K-6

May 2nd – ANZAC Service

May 9th – Selective High School Test at Manly Selective for Year 7 2025. Arrive 8:45am.

May 10th – National Walk to School Day

May 10th – P&C Mothers' Day event

May 14th – Cross Country -Years 3-6 and Year 2's who turn 8 in 2024

May 16th – Year 5 Project Penguin Habitat Day (Little Manly)

May 21st – Year 5 Project Penguin Project day 1 (at school)

May 22nd - Interrelate talks 6pm and 7:15pm

May 23rd – Debating with some students at Terrey Hills PS

28th May - Year 5 Project Penguin Zoo Visit

28th May – K-6 Indigenous Performance by Lucas Proudfoot

30th May – PSSA Zone Cross Country

30th May – Year 6 UPP Leadership Day incursion in the hall.

June 5th – Year 5 Project Penguin Project day Day 2 (at school)

June 10th – Kings Birthday Long Weekend

June 11th - Year 5 Project Penguin Project day Day 3 (at school)

June 12th – Stage 2 Gibberagong Excursion – Year 3

News- Children will continue presenting prepared topics on their news day each fortnight. As part of this program, we will continue to teach students appropriate speaking and listening skills, as well as focusing on effective questioning skills to encourage being an engaged and active audience member. Each week we will focus on one skill to target in their preparation and presentation.

Weeks	Topic	Focus skill
Wks 3/4	An Interesting Animal	Focus: EYE CONTACT. Try to look at the audience as much as possible.
Wks 5/6	One day I want to...	Focus: PACE. Speak at a normal talking speed (not too fast and not too slow) so that the audience can understand you.
Wks 7/8	A Place in Australia	Focus: VOICE PROJECTION. Speak loudly so that everyone in the classroom can hear you clearly. Speak with expression.

Literacy Groups– will continue this term and teachers will be asking for parent volunteers to assist with these groups.

Mathematics

Students will participate in differentiated lessons which develop their skills in Number and Algebra, Measurement and Space, Statistics and Probability. A variety of hands on and written activities have been developed by the Year 1 teachers. Students will be participating in 'Number Talks' throughout the term, where learning to explain their thinking and developing efficient strategies is encouraged.

Term Overview

Week	Fortnightly Number and Algebra Focus	Measurement
1-2	Representing whole number Teen Numbers, Place Value, Recording number sentences	Chance Probability
3-4	Combining and separating quantities Addition and Subtraction, Equivalence	Geometric Measure Comparing Mass
5-6	Revision	Revision
7-8	Combining and separating quantities number lines, word problems, difference, recalling number facts	Geometric Measure Volume and Capacity
9-10	Forming Groups Grouping and sharing, skip counting, patterns	3D Spatial Structure

Geography

During Semester One, we will continue to explore the topic, Features of Places and People and Places. Students will explore places and spaces within their local area. They will describe the features of places and the connection people have to these environments.

Science

Science will continue to be taught weekly with Mrs Dreverman or Mrs Dowdle. Students will investigate the Living World unit 'Dinosaurs and more'. They will observe the external features of living things and describe features of both animals and plants. Students will learn about the features of dinosaurs and compare dinosaurs with modern day animals. Classes will attend an excursion to the Australian Museum and will participate in an Educator-Led session called, 'Dinosaurs: Feathers, teeth and claws'.

Term 2 Diary Dates

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13th June - Multicultural Public Speaking Final Collaroy Plateau Public School. 10-12pm (3/4), 12:30-3pm (5/6)

13th June – Stage 3 HPGE Group Balgowlah North

17th/ 18th June – Band Camp (Years 4-6)

18th June – Band Camp (Year 3)

18th June – Stage 1 Australian Museum – 1D, 1/2J, 2P

20th June – Project Penguin Expo Day at MWPS. Parents Welcome from 12.30pm

21st June- Regional Cross Country

24th June – 4th July – Selected dates for Arts Alice Dance Festival

25th June - Stage 2 Gibberagong Excursion – Year 4 and 3/4V

25th June - Stage 1 Australian Museum – 1H, 1T, 2T,2M

1st July – MW Dance and Drama Production rehearsal

2nd July - Stage 1 Australian Museum – 1C, 2F, 2A

2nd July – Project Penguin Expo Day at Taronga Zoo (Students only)

3rd July – MW Dance and Drama performance. Parents invited.

3rd/4th July – Arts Alive Visual Arts Workshop at Avalon Recreation Centre

5th July – Last day Term 2

22nd July – Staff Development Day

23rd July – First day of Term 3 for students.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Sport will be taught as part of the classroom program with class teachers. Sport will continue to be on Mondays and Wednesdays (**Monday and Tuesdays for 1D**) this term. ***Please ensure your child wears their sport uniform on these days.***

Child Protection will be taught this term as part of the PD/H/PE curriculum. Students will learn skills in recognising safe and unsafe situations and strategies for protecting themselves. We will continue to work on our school expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Aspire. Students will participate in lessons that foster self-regulation and positive emotional responses.

Homework

Homework will resume in Week 2. Please refer to the Term 2 Homework Grid which outlines the homework expectations for this term.

Library

Your child will continue to have a regular weekly borrowing session in the library with Mrs Ellen Swick or Mrs Beth Dowdle.

Your child will need to bring their library bag to be able to borrow.

Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
1H	1J 1D	1C 1T

Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding the Term 2 programs. We look forward to another rewarding term.

Warm Regards,

The Year One Teachers

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Stage 1 Assistant Principal

Julie Organ

Principal