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YEAR TWO NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope the holidays were enjoyable and restful. Term 2 will be a busy and interesting term with many engaging activities for the students across Key Learning Areas. Year Two class teachers will continue to program collaboratively across all Key Learning Areas, using the new English and Mathematics K-10 Syllabuses. This note will provide an overview of teaching and learning programs for all Year Two classes.

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

Speaking and listening activities, reading and comprehension tasks and a range of writing activities will form our literacy program this term. Guided, modelled and independent reading will take place daily and literacy groups will continue. We encourage parents to listen to their children read for 10-15 minutes each night in order to assist development and refinement of reading skills. This term, students will be taught to read, view and write various rich texts included in the English units. They will explore and identify different ways in which texts differ according to purpose, audience and subject and continue to develop their skills in writing descriptively, incorporating a wider vocabulary and considering author's purpose.

Mathematics

Students will continue to learn mathematical skills and how to explain their mathematical thinking across all areas of the Mathematics Syllabus. During Numeracy, students will develop their number skills through differentiated 'hands on' activities and will be participating in 'Number Talks' with their classroom teachers to further develop their ability to explain their mathematical thinking.

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 Talk 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

Geography

Throughout Term 2, students will build on their focus and study of Australia, its location in the world, states and territories within Australia, and how we are connected to places in Australia. Students will explore case studies of significant places in Australia. They will look at Indigenous perspectives and how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are connected to the land and sea. Stage One will also attend an excursion at the Australian Museum this term, supporting both our Geography and Science programs.

Science and Technology

Mrs Erica Dreverman will continue to teach Science this term, with a focus on the unit 'Dinosaurs and More' where students will be involved in inquiry-based learning to develop their understanding of living things, from past and present, along with their features and needs. Students will attend the Australian Museum as part of the exploration of concepts within this unit. Students will have weekly lesson in the PC Lab which will be a collaborative lesson of ICT skills and other Key Learning Areas.

Creative and Practical Arts

A variety of visual arts and drama lessons will form part of the class program and support our Key Learning Areas. Students will have the opportunity to explore working with a number of different materials and subject matter as part of weekly Visual Arts lessons. Students will also explore dramatic techniques through activities in literacy groups. Weekly grade singing will begin on Wednesdays this term.

PDHPE

Students will strengthen their understanding of the school expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Aspire which help to build resilience and social skills. Sport will be taught on a Wednesday and students will continue to develop their gross motor skills through modified games and skill development activities. **Students will wear sports uniform on Wednesdays and on an additional day, depending on their class.**

Homework

Thank you for ensuring your child completes each part of the homework and encouraging them to complete it neatly and to the best of their ability. Homework will continue to be sent home each Tuesday and needs to be returned on a Monday. This term, students will focus on specific elements of public speaking, including eye contact, fluency and voice projection, when preparing and delivering their news items.

Library

Mrs Swick and Mrs Dowdle will continue to teach Library this term, supporting the teaching of different units and exposing students to a wide range of literature. Students are encouraged to bring their Library bag each week to borrow. Students are encouraged to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge at home. Please help them to log their reading.

Kind regards,

Miss Kathy Topham, Miss Mikaela Atienza
Miss Courtney Peters, Ms Kim FitzGerald,
Miss Kimberley Mitchell, Ms Jen Fergus

Year 2 Teachers

Mrs Julie Organ

Principal

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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.