Years 1 / 2 Term 4 Overview 2015

Welcome back for an exciting and productive term. We hope you enjoyed the spring holidays and found time to rest and relax ready for our last term of 2015.

The Learning and Teaching Program

English
Guided Reading Groups will continue this term, commencing at 9:00am. A reminder that in order for your child to gain the full benefit of these lessons, it is crucial that they are present for the start of each school day as this is when explicit teaching and instructions are given. Home Reading and Guided Reading Groups finish at the end of Week 7, although students will continue practising their reading in class. Our writing focus for this term will be narrative writing and information reports. Students will be reading a range of texts that explore rich vocabulary to enhance their own writing skills.

Mathematics
Through both hands-on activities and written applications, the following concepts will be taught:

Year 1 – place value, length, capacity, chance, time to the half hour, months, seasons, addition, subtraction and problem solving

Year 2 – multiplication, division, money, chance, volume, mass, capacity, graphing and problem solving.

Health

Year 1 – Our integrated unit of work this term is titled ‘Go, Grow and Glow!’ Through this Health unit, students will have opportunities to identify their eating habits. They will examine the different food groups and recognise the importance of eating a variety of foods.

Year 2 – Our Year 2 students will be working through the ACT Government’s Aquasafe program. At the end of this unit, which includes practical lessons at the pool, students will be able to:

- understand what constitutes safe water behaviour
- recognise situations where water safety needs to be considered.

Physical Education
Students participate in daily fitness and sporting activities. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate footwear for running and brings a sun smart hat in order to take part in these fun lessons. In Weeks 1-4 all students will participate in Milo Cricket Clinics on a Friday. These sessions run for 40 minutes. Students participate in skills based activities – with a bit of fun thrown in!
**Bounce Back**
This term we will be continuing a whole school wellbeing and resilience program titled ‘Bounce Back’. The program explores topics related to student resilience including: developing positive and pro-social values; developing strategies for coping and bouncing back; finding courage in everyday life as well as in difficult circumstances; optimistic thinking and looking on the bright side; developing relationship skills; and skills and attitudes for being successful.

**Indonesian**
This term students will develop skills and language necessary to help them follow instructions and take turns in Indonesian. They will then begin to examine systems of language looking at question words and simple sentences. They will also explore word order for possession.

**Music**
This term the Music program will focus on 4/4, 6/8 and 3/4 time through dances and songs. We will revise all the sections covered throughout the year and look at form and style. In both years we will continue to learn some music theory and use sol fa for sight-reading simple tunes. Tuned and non-tuned percussion will be used as accompaniments to the songs and dances. We will focus on some more Kodaly and Orff pieces to enhance an understanding of beat, rhythm and pitch.

**Library**
Students are able to borrow books and explore a variety of texts once a week. It is really important that students have a library bag as they will be unable to borrow without one. Please bear in mind that stocktaking of books will commence in week 7 and therefore borrowing will cease in week 5. It would be appreciated if all books could be returned to the library before week 7.

**Homework**
Homework will be sent home on the Friday of odd weeks, starting week 1. It is due on the Monday of the following odd week i.e. week 3. From **week 3** students will be encouraged to begin our annual gift giving-project for Marymead. More details are on their way!

**Important Information**
A reminder that all students need to wear an appropriate hat every day (not caps). No hat, play in the shade.

If your child has been **absent** a **written, signed note, email or app notification** is required.

To celebrate the end of a successful year, students will be going to the MPowerdome. Further information will be sent home closer to the date.

**Important Dates**
- Grandfriends' Day – Friday 23 October
- Nude Food Day - Thursday 22 October
- Walk for the Web (walk-a-thon) – Tuesday 27 October
- Year 6 Bake Sale – Tuesday 10 November
- Year 2 Aquasafe – Monday 16 to Friday 27 November
• Nude Food Day - Thursday 26 November
• Morning Tea – Thank you to Parent Volunteers – Tuesday 1 December
• RSPCA Dress-up Day – Friday 4 December
• School Concert – Wednesday 9 December
• School Concert wet weather back-up day – Thursday 10 December
• MPowerdome excursion – Thursday 17 December
• K-5 Gold Award Assembly – Friday 11 December
• Last day Term 4 – Friday 18 December

We look forward to continuing our positive partnership.

Kind regards,

Heather Ross, Julie-Anne Lambert, Emily Weber, Penny Taylor-Yates, Tess Muir, Gina Turton, Jen Harvey, Sharen Lyons, Zelda James and Frances Gleeson

2015 P&C Meeting Dates

The P&C holds its meetings on Wednesday evenings in weeks 4 and 8 of each term commencing at 7.00pm in the school's staff room.

• Week 4 4 November (7.00-9.00pm)
• Week 8 2 December (7.00-9.00pm)

You are cordially invited to attend.