Curriculum News

Welcome back to school 2017. I am hoping you all had a restful and relaxing break. I would like to share with you the classroom focus for the following curriculum areas for Term 1.

LITERACY
In term 1, students will listen and respond to a variety of narrative stories through our One Start program. They will also develop their writing skills as they focus on writing more detailed sentences describing WHO, WHAT, WHERE and WHEN. Reading will continue be a focus this year. Students will have personalised goals to work on each day during guided reading. Students will continue to work on decoding words, retelling the story and learning their Magic Words.

NUMERACY
Throughout the year students will apply a variety of mathematical concepts in real-life, life-like and purely mathematical situations. During Term 1 students will develop their understandings and proficiency in the following areas:
- Number and place value – write, order and identify teen numbers, carry out simple addition and subtraction problems and partition numbers using place value.
- Fractions- recognise and describe one-half as one of two equal parts of a whole.
- Measurement – tell time to the half-hour on analogue and digital clocks.
- Money - recognise, describe and order Australian coins according to their value.

OTHER KLAs

Science - Students will explore the changes that occur in the sky and landscape. They will investigate the day and night sky, weather patterns and the effect these have on everyday lives.

History - Students will investigate the past and present. They will share stories about the past and explore how objects have changed over time.

Visual Art – Students will explore warm and cool colours and the use of lines in art.

How Parents can help us!

Parent Volunteers! – We are always happy to welcome parent helpers into our classroom! We would love some parents to come and help us during our guided reading sessions from 9 – 9:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday.

Homework - Helping your child read a book every night will be extremely beneficial to their learning. You will find a reading log in your child’s homework book where they can record the books that they have read. Also, helping your child organise themselves so they return their homework every Friday will be of great assistance.

Attendance - Ensuring your child arrives on time and prepared for EACH school day is of enormous value to their schooling. Our attendance goal is 95%.

Leesa Gibbs
1LG Classroom Teacher

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Principal

Key Days for 2AH

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Bug Club notes will be handed to your students this week so you can sign up!