Curriculum News

Welcome back to school for 2017. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. My name is Rebecca Zigterman and I have joined the Berrinba teaching team. I have moved from Caloundra but I grew up in the Brisbane area. In the past I have taught Prep up to Year 6 and I am looking forward to teaching Year 3/4.

LITERACY
To kick off Term 1, students will understand the purpose of persuasive texts through listening to and reading a variety of articles. They will learn how to plan, draft and publish imaginative, informative and persuasive texts. The students will listen to and contribute to conversations and discussions to share information and ideas and negotiate in collaborative situations. Students will learn to write imaginative narratives exploring the theme of ‘friendship’.

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 – representing numbers to 10 000 and beyond, developing mental number facts and strategies for unfamiliar mental computation tasks
- Patterns and algebra – using properties of numbers to continue patterns
- Fractions and decimals – partitioning, representing and comparing simple fractions
- Chance – comparing and describing probabilities of events
- Data – collecting and recording data to create graphs

OTHER KLAs
Science – In this unit, students will understand what constitutes a living thing, and that living things can be distinguished from non-living things.
History - Students will explore the contribution made by different cultural groups to the development of the local community. They will examine journeys of the great explorers between the 1400’s and the late 1700’s and why people settled in Australia.
Geography – Students will be exploring similarities and differences in environments and places.
Technology – Technology will be connected to Science this term. Students will be designing and making self-watering devices.

Daily Brain Break
A Brain Break is a good way to get your child’s brain to be more efficient. In the classroom setting during Morning Meeting the class will have a short time to eat a piece of fruit or vegetable.

Important
Please supply your child with 1 piece of fruit like an apple, pear or an orange or alternatively carrot or celery sticks. No jelly, custard or chocolate snack.
Water is the only drink students should have in their water bottle during class.

How Parents can help us!
Parents in order to use Class Dojo please send the teacher a valid email address so she can invite you to link in to Class Dojo. Please write it in your child’s homework book for the teacher so you can be invited to link up.

Attendance - Ensuring your children arrives on time and prepared for EACH school day is of enormous value to their schooling. Attendance is important as every day counts!

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Key Days for 3/4 RZ

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Steve Kanowski
Principal

Celebrations!
It’s great to see how well everyone has settled in to the school year. Our Morning Meetings are setting us up for success!