



Grade 2/3 Learning Community Curriculum Newsletter Term 2, 2021



Welcome to Term 2, 2021. This newsletter contains information about the content of classroom programs in Term 2.

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English:

This term in Reading, we will be analysing the features and elements of persuasive texts. This will include looking at their purpose, understanding the difference between facts & opinions and also the writers use of emotive language. Later in the term we will be looking at texts that align to our theme, namely the environment. During our Writing unit this term, we will start off by focusing on persuasive writing to coincide with our work in reading. Here the students will present a point of view along with supporting detail to make their arguments stronger. In the later part of the term we will expose the students to various forms of poetry and we will see how creative they can be.

Mathematics:

The Students in Grade 2 & 3 will be learning to use a variety of strategies to solve mathematical problems, including the use of concrete materials when applicable and being able to explain their thinking process when solving problems. A major focus will be on using a range of strategies to solve problems. This term's foci will be on addition and subtraction, time, data and chance & data.



Inquiry:

In Term 2 our unit is titled 'Sharing Our Planet.' We will look at who is responsible for looking after our planet? This will be further broken down into how the environment has supported the lives of people and other living things over time, how to minimise our footprint on the environment and how we can influence others to look after the planet.

Homework:

- **Reading** is an essential component of our homework program. Grade 2 & 3 students need to read for a duration of at least 15 to 20 minutes every night.
- RAZ-Kids: twice a week students can complete the comprehension **quizzes** about the books they've read on the Kids A-Z app or web site.
- Students can complete Maths tasks at home using **Sunset Maths & My Numeracy** to support their classroom learning. They can be found on the Essential Assessment web site: www.essentialassessment.com.au.

Students will be given 5 spelling words each fortnight. These will be words that they have misspelt from the Oxford word list. Activities for these words are in the spelling book.

Key Dates:

11-13th May -NAPLAN for Grade 3 students
Monday May 24 – Skeleton Creek excursion
Thursday June 17 – 2:15-3:15; 2/3 Open afternoon
Friday June 25- Last day of Term 2, 2:30 finish

Reminders:

Fruit & Water: Students are encouraged to bring fresh fruit and vegetables as well as a bottle of water to have in the classroom, even in the colder months.

SAKG: Students have garden classes with Trish 3 times termly. The kitchen has a new



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appointment with Shelly, so stay tuned for classes.

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