

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Term 3 2023

After a restful and relaxing mid-year holiday, the children and teachers in Year 1 have come back refreshed and enthusiastic. This term there are a number of wonderful things planned for all the students with the major event being the St James School Concert. Both Year 1 classes are well underway with rehearsals and preparations! The Year 1 and 2 students will also visit Twisted Science in Moorabbin this term as part of our Inquiry - Science topic 'Why does change matter?'

Please note the changes to this semester's specialist timetable below.

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<u>Tuesday:</u> Sport Auslan STEMMS	<u>Tuesday:</u> Sport Auslan Visual Arts
<u>Wednesday:</u> Visual Arts	<u>Wednesday:</u> STEMMS

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 20th July** - Melbourne Cup trophy visit 9am
- 21st July** - Year 1 Mass at 9am in Community Centre
- 25th July** - St James Feast Day Mass 9am
- 21st August** - Book Week
- 29th August** - School concert rehearsal at Crossways. Concert night 1
- 30th August** - Concert night 2
- 1st September** - Fathers Day breakfast and Fathers Day Stall
- 7th September** - Grade 1 & 2 excursion to Twisted Science
- 13th September** - Term 3 Learning Conferences
- 15th September** - Last day of Term 3

LITERACY

This term the Year 1 students will read, listen to and explore different fiction texts like fairy tales and plays. They will use Readers' Theatre to reenact stories and focus on fluency and expression. During shared reading, group work and focus groups, students will be explicitly taught the following strategies

- Exploring fluency and expression
- Comprehension strategies: retelling, recognise literary elements (genre, plot, character, setting, theme, problem and solution, compare and contrast and predicting
- Decoding strategies including back up and reread



Students will also be focusing on narrative and procedure texts in writing. There will be a continued focus on grammar, spelling and handwriting, including correct pencil grip, starting points, and letter formation.

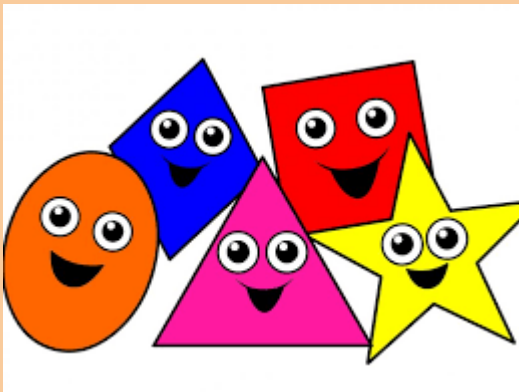
How You Can Help:

- Set time aside for practise and discussion of the Show and Tell topic

- If your child is learning to write the M100W words, assist them to develop correct spelling of these words. Point out these words when your child reads and writes and refer your child back to the lists for the correct spelling of the words.
- Read each night with your child. The readers that your child brings home are meant to be at a level where reading is easy.

MATHEMATICS

In Mathematics this term, the students will explore division. Throughout this unit, we will practise sharing a set of objects equally between a small group of people using one-to-one correspondence. The students will also learn to recognise whether there is a remainder or not after sharing equally. Through our money and shape unit, students will be learning to recognise, describe and order Australian coins according to their value and recognise, classify and describe the features of 2D and 3D shapes. In our Measurement unit, students will be measuring and comparing different lengths using informal units. We begin by using informal units before moving into formal units. We will be measuring lengths using informal objects e.g. how many counters long etc.



How You Can Help:

- Develop the concept of sharing by using household items. For example, biscuits, grapes, tomatoes etc.
- Count together in the car – by 1's, 10's, 5's and 2's – eventually being able to count backwards as well as forwards
- Write numbers – and correct your child when they reverse a number or start it from the wrong position.
- When in the car or on a walk, help your child to identify 2D and 3D shapes in the environment around them.

RELIGION AND INQUIRY LEARNING

Our Integrated Inquiry topic this term asks the big question **'What happens when we change everyday materials?'**

The focus of this Science unit is for students to understand that everyday materials can be physically changed in a variety of ways. They will conduct investigations with different objects, including everyday materials and play dough. Predictions and comparisons will be made about how the shape of objects made from different materials can be physically changed through actions such as bending, stretching and twisting. Students will also explore how materials change when warmed and cooled.



Our Religion unit this term focuses on the key events in the liturgical year and symbols and rituals in the Catholic Church. We will explore the Sacraments of Initiation and will learn more about Saint James and Mary MacKillop, Australia's first Saint.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Students are asked to read for 10-15 mins a night and record this in their reading log
- Students are reminded to bring a library bag on Fridays - NO BAG NO BOOK!
- Please sign up for the Parent Helper roster if you would like to assist in the classroom.
- New Show and Tell roster coming in Week 2

