

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

WOW!!! Can you believe that we are in the last term of 2020??? Where has the time gone? This is such a full on term as we finalise Year 1 and continue our journey to prepare for Year 2. How exciting.....

# Housekeeping:

- I am asking all parents to be mindful of the start time of our day, I am going to be implementing a few new things this term and I would really appreciate <u>ALL</u> students being ready to enter the class and be ready to learn at 8:40am <u>EVERY</u> morning.
- Also a reminder that it is <u>really important</u> that your student attends school every day, I understand that children do get sick & that there are appointments that need to be attended, as well as family commitments, however, please be mindful of how much time your student is away from school as each day is filled with important learning and development that sometimes cannot be retaught.
- If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to come and see me, I am available either before school or straight after school. My email address is <a href="mailto:rcubil@eq.edu.au">rcubil@eq.edu.au</a>. Feel free to drop me an email if you are unable to come and see me © I check these regularly, or send me a message via class dojo, I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as I can.

This Term we are again going to continue our packed learning journey, we also start <u>swimming this term on Thursday's</u> and there are also a lot of other exciting things happening this term so keep your eyes on the school calendar and on ClassDojo.

<u>English</u>: we will be focussing on Narrative and Procedural writing this term with a focus on retelling cultural and traditional stories. We will be retelling an aboriginal dream time story and creating a picture to match our retell. We will also be continuing our journey through the Initialit 1 program, with intensive spelling, phonemic, reading and writing lessons throughout the week.

**<u>Reading</u>**: we will be reviewing our reading goals in the coming weeks and will continue to aim to improve our confidence and fluency. Our focus this term will be again be fluency and retelling skills with an increased focus on comprehension and sequencing.

<u>Maths</u>: this term we will be looking at: number & place value, fractions, patterns, chance and data; as well as spending a few weeks catching up and reviewing topics in readiness for Year 2.

### HaSS (Humanities and Social Sciences):

Students will be exploring their changing world, focussing on the features of known local places and exploring how these have changed over time. We will also be looking at creating and reading maps, collecting and displaying collected data as well as responding to questions about how places in our community are used and how we can care for and maintain these important places.

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# Science:

Students will be exploring the *Material Madness* unit this term, students explore how everyday materials can be physically changed in a variety of ways according to their properties. They describe the actions used to physically change materials to make objects for different purposes, understanding that science involves asking questions about and describing changes to objects that are used in their everyday lives.

## Health:

Students will be exploring the Unit *My safety, my responsibility,* they will identify social changes that occure as they grow older and recognise ways they can take some responsibility for their own safety in different situations including road safety. Students practice strategies to keep themselves safe and rehearse ways to ask for help when presented with a problem or a challenge.

### <u>Arts:</u>

Students will be exploring the media unit *Family Portraits,* students will use digital manipulation to present alternative representations of family portraiture.

# <u>SWELL</u>

**Brain Boost** – This term the year 1's will be looking at Executive functioning skills and growth mindset skills; such as attention, flexibility and perseverance within our learning, we will also be exploring the book "The beautiful oops", to continue to develop our growth mindset as well as participating in a Kids helpline session on safety.

**Social & Emotional Learning** – This term we will continue with the Paths Program focusing on understanding our feelings, recognising and improving our behaviours and learning about self-control in a range of situations. We will also spend time looking at a range of emotions and how to recognise what these are and how they may make us feel.

I am looking forward to another term full of laughter, fun and love with the Year 1's, and would like to take this time to thank you all for your continued support, it is appreciated.

Regards Rose Cubis Class Teacher



