

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Term 2 2024

Welcome back to St James Primary School for Term Two! We hope you all enjoyed your Easter holiday break and you're ready for another busy and fun filled term. This term, students are expected to wear **full school winter uniform** (from week 3) and sports uniform on P.E days. No hats are required from May onwards. Please continue to provide fresh fruit and vegetables for students to eat during Freggie time. If you have any questions, concerns or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us via phone, email or in person. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to another successful term.

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A new Show & Tell roster and topics list was sent out last Friday.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 15th April - Term 2 begins
- 17th April - Year 1/2 Excursion to Blackburn Lake
- 19th April - Whole School Cross Country
- 25th April - Anzac Day (SCHOOL CLOSURE)
- 26th April - Staff Time in Lieu Day (SCHOOL CLOSURE)
- 10th May - Mother's Day Celebration from 8:15am
- 13th May - Year 1 Water Incursion
- 10th June - King's Birthday Holiday
- 14th June - Yr 1 and 5 Level Buddy Mass @ 9am
- 28th June - End of Term 2



LITERACY

This term we will continue to build upon our knowledge of letters and sounds and how these form the words that we read and write. Teachers will demonstrate to children the common spelling choices for sounds and how to choose appropriate letters to match the sounds that they hear. We will be looking at the genre of information report and procedure writing. Each genre has its own distinct framework and these will be modelled and discussed throughout the term. We will also have a focus on sentence structure and editing work. Students will continue practising writing lowercase and capital letters using the correct formation and size. Oral language will be included in class discussions, oral activities in Literacy rotations along with weekly Show and Tell topics.



How You Can Help:

- Set time aside for practise and discussion of the Show and Tell topic
- If your child is learning the M100W words, assist them to develop automatic recall 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 books that your child brings home are meant to be at a level where reading is easy.

MATHEMATICS

This term we will investigate time including telling time to the half hour and describe duration using seasons, months, weeks, days and hours. We will also represent and solve simple addition and subtraction problems using a range of strategies including counting on, partitioning and rearranging parts. Finally, the Year 1s will investigate and describe number patterns formed by skip counting and patterns with objects. They will also recognise the importance of repetition of a process in solving problems.



How You Can Help:

- Help develop the easy recall of number facts by asking your child to recall these - e.g. $2+3=5$ what else adds up to 5 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.
- Ensure that your child is using the correct tense to describe time - yesterday I saw...tomorrow I will see etc

RELIGION AND INQUIRY LEARNING

In Religion this term, students will investigate the topic of Creation and how God created the world out of love and kindness. They will explore how we are called to give thanks for the gift of creation and how each person can make a difference to improve the environment.



Through our Inquiry-based unit, students are exploring the concept: 'Why do we have a responsibility to be sustainable?' Students will explore how they can make a difference in our environment at St James, planning a school action to make the school more sustainable and reflect on the difference that was made with the change.

How You Can Help:

- Discuss with your child how you can be sustainable at home and how this could be adapted for school

MATHS BAGS COMING SOON!

This term, students will get the chance to bring home the classroom maths bag. Look out for more information coming soon.



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!