

Junior Syndicate Y0- 2 Newsletter

Thursday 17 October 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers



Welcome back to Term 4, we hope you all had a restful break. Also, welcome to all the new learners who have started in the Orca room this term. We have many exciting activities planned for this term.

Integrated Studies focus

The focus for our inquiry learning this term is a unit that develops our understanding of the new digital technology curriculum which is a strand within the technology curriculum. The curriculum is composed of two parts: the first part is computational thinking which is about thinking in ways which we can use computers to help us solve problems. The second part is about designing and developing digital outcomes. We will be exploring how to write instructions and test them to ensure they are correct. This is an important early step in coding.

During the second part of the term, we will be looking at how people celebrate. We are very interested in families sharing any cultural activities that their family recognise and how they celebrate them. We will be finding out about a range of celebrations including Diwali, Christmas and we will have our welcome powhiri for new families in Week 3.

Book week

As part of our literacy programme, on 30 October we will have a local author visiting to talk with the learners. On Monday 11 November there will be a dress-up day where students can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Talent Quest

Talent quest is on 4 November. This is a student led-event where any child in the school is able to share their talents with the school.

Music Programme

During Term Four, the Year 0- 2 children will work with Mrs Stefanidis in conjunction with their classroom teacher to develop music skills. They will be introduced to tuned instruments, such as keyboards, recorders, ukuleles.

Mathematics

To start the term the Year 0- 2 children will be learning about fractions. During the term we will also be covering measurement work in mathematics, children will be learning about weight, volume or length. Please, could you support your child's learning by taking opportunities to talk about measuring ie: cooking, shopping, putting petrol in the car, distances travelled.

Perceptual Motor Programme

Thank you to the parent helpers running the Year 0- 2 PMP programme. We are running this programme every Tuesday. Children will need to wear comfortable clothes for movement and have shoes they can independently manage.

Sunhats/ Sunsafe

In Term Four, children are expected to wear a school sunhat every day. It is also useful to put a named roll of sunscreen in your child's bag as we will remind them to put this on for outdoor events and at lunchtime. Please ensure your children are wearing suitable footwear and clothing so they can run and play safely.

Swimming

Swimming will continue every Thursday for the remainder of the term. Children need to be wearing clothing that they can easily and independently change, and shoes that slip on or are easy for them to independently fasten. Please have a small separately wrapped snack in the swimming bags to take to swimming. Parents are welcome to join us.

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) activities

Year 0- 2 will visit Seatoun Beach on the first sunny morning during the week starting the 9 December. Please note that in previous years we have held this event in the afternoon, this year we are trialling having it in the morning as it is often more pleasant at the beach with less wind.

Kind Regards

Susan Kliffen, Helen Taylor, Ben Haddock, Peggy Bruce, Louise Noble, Cath Hardy and Jemma Rapson