

Junior Syndicate Y0- 2 Newsletter

Thursday 20 October 2022



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 4, we hope you all had a restful break. We have been preparing for a very busy term.

Integrated Studies focus

The focus for our inquiry learning this term is Traditional Tales and Poems. We are exploring why and how people write stories and poems, we will be exploring the structures, the characters and trying to retell and write some of their own. As part of this inquiry we are currently booking "Party Pigs" by Peter Wilson and Jacqueline Coats. This is a delightful puppetry story set around the excitement and anticipation of a birthday party. More information will be supplied once the booking is secured. In the second part of the term we will be exploring celebrations: Diwali and Christmas. Please refer to the Long term plan for more detailed information about topics covered this term.

Listening to your Child Read

Susan Kliffen (Associate Principal in the Junior School) Jemma Rapson (Literacy Support Teacher) and Helen Taylor (New Entrant Teacher) will be running a workshop about how to listen to your child read at home.

From this workshop you will develop:

- An understanding of what to expect at different stages as children learn to read.
- Strategies for how to best support children when they come to a word they don't know.
- An opportunity to ask questions about how children learn to read.
- An awareness of the importance of parents supporting their children in their reading.

When: **Friday 28 October**

8:45am – 10am

Where: Seatoun School Library

Book Character Day

On **Monday 7th November** there will be a dress-up day where students can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Perceptual Motor Programme

We are excited to once again be running our Perceptual Motor-skills Programme (PMP) on **Tuesday** mornings. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to help. The children love this programme which is designed to help children develop their fine and gross motor-skills through activities based on co-ordination, balance, locomotion and memory. 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.

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.

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) activities

At this stage Year 0, 1 and 2 are planning to visit Seatoun Beach on the first sunny morning during the week starting Monday **12 December**.

Transition to Year 3 Meeting

On **Wednesday 7th December**, we will be running a meeting for parents of Year 2 students, to discuss some practical ways in which you can support your child in the transition from Year 2 to Year 3. There will also be an opportunity to have questions answered.

This will be a short, 20 minute meeting- beginning at 3.10pm in Room 1. Childcare for your children will be provided in Room 6.

Ngā mihi nui,

Susan Kliffen, Helen Taylor, Ben Haddock, Bex Quinn, Peggy Bruce, Cath Hardy and Jemma Rapson