

WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 1/2

Term 1 - March

Give it your all
Read if necessary
Ignore giving up
Take time to do it right

Welcome to Term 1. We all hope you are refreshed and excited about the upcoming Term we have planned for you. We have an engaging few months ahead of us with new topics and strategies to build upon our learning.

Here's some of what's on...

What are you grateful for

Readers Workshop

This Term, the students have been working on establishing great reading habits within the classroom. Choosing good fit books and using multiple decoding strategies have been our main focus. Flip the sound, chunking, back up and re-reading are some of our accuracy strategies we have learnt using our mentor text 'Magic Beach' By Alison Lester. Students have also been working on their fluency when reading., focussing on phrasing, pace, punctuation and expression.



In the coming weeks:

Grade 1 will be focussing on asking questions and analysing texts.

Grade 2 will be focussing on summarising texts and making meaningful connections when reading.



Writers Workshop

So far this Term, students have been working on writing Re-counts. All students have worked really hard to choose a memorable moment from their Summer holidays or a special moment from the past.

Grade 1 have been focussing on ordering their events in chronological order and have been learning about the writing cycle (Planning, Drafting, Revising, Editing, Publishing).

Grade 2 have been focussing on how to start their writing piece with a reflection, writing in past tense and using time connectives to make it easy for our readers to understand the order of when something happened.

This week, Grade 1 and 2 students will be publishing their writing pieces and we are very excited for students to share them with you.



Don't forget to check out the Writers Wall in the school office to see some of the Grade 1/2 work on display.

Maths

Over the past few weeks, Grade 1 and 2 students have been working very hard to develop their knowledge and understanding of **Place Value**.

Students learnt about the value of each digit in a given number and used this knowledge to make numbers, compare numbers using the language greater than and less than and order numbers.

Grade 1 students then focussed on **2D shapes**. They were learning to identify edges, vertices and faces and classify shapes based on these properties.

Grade 2 students focussed on **Addition** and learnt a number of strategies to help them solve addition problems. These included doubles, near doubles, build to 10 and fact families.



Homework Books and Readers

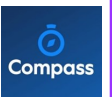
Please ensure you are assisting your child with their readers each night as well as recording their nightly reading in their **Yellow Reader Book**. Encourage your child to be practicing their **Magic Words** or **SWST Words** in their homework book.

Reminders

Drink Bottles - Please send a drink bottle with **water** to school for your child to leave in the classroom during class time.



Compass - Don't forget to check the **Compass App** on your devices to keep you up to date with things happening at school.



Vocabulary

Children need to have a rich vocabulary that continually grows through language and literacy experiences, in order to comprehend and construct increasingly complex texts.

The 5 key words we are focusing on for Weeks 1-5, from our mentor text 'Magic Beach', are **plunging, thundering, peering, shrieking, fading**.

Please talk to your child about these words. **Talk about the words instead of asking too many questions.** Tell your child what these words mean. Encourage your child to use these words in a sentence.

What's Coming Up!

Sunday March 20th—Harvest Market
Wednesday March 30th - Twilight Sports

Grade 1-2 Team

Carly Bell, Emma Hoehne, Natalie Johnson and Tim Langley