

# WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 1

## Term 1 - April

**G**ive it your all  
**R**edo if necessary  
**I**gnore giving up  
**T**ake time to do it right

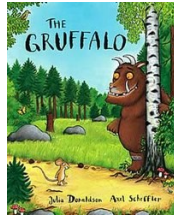
We are already at the end of Term 1, where did the time go? We are so proud of the amazing growth students have made already. We wish all students and their families a safe and relaxing holiday break. We are looking forward to an exciting Term 2 with many engaging topics and an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo!

What are you grateful for?

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

### Readers Workshop

To support our Narrative unit this Term, students have enjoyed reading 'The Gruffalo' By Julia Donaldson. Students used the text to learn about Determining Importance in a fiction text. They focused on understanding the story then finding which parts are important and which are just interesting.



To finish off the Term, students focussed on Questioning using the wordless book 'Window' by Jeannie Baker. They looked at what makes a good question and how to ask questions to the author.

### Writers Workshop

We have just completed drafting, revising and editing our narratives, we are looking forward to publishing on our iPads this week.

The students used our mentor text 'The Gruffalo' to imitate Julia Donaldson's words for their introduction which was their portfolio piece.

The students will be using the app 'Book Creator' to publish their narratives, practising their typing and inserting matching pictures.



Feel free to use this app at home as it is also used in Grade 2!

Don't forget to check out the Writers Wall in the school office in the coming weeks to see some of the Grade 1 work

### Maths

We started the month off learning about Fractions. Students cut up shapes to find halves, quarters and eights then used this skill to find fractions of a collection. Our next topic was Chance! Students explored the vocabulary. They conducted experiments with coloured blocks and spinners to find the probability and possible and total outcomes. Currently we are learning about Location & Transformation. Students have been using the vocabulary to guide their partners around the room to specific objects.



Our first topic in Term 2 is Place Value.

### Homework Books and Readers

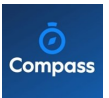
Please ensure you are assisting your child with their readers each night as well as recording their nightly reading in their **Yellow Reader Book**. Encourage your child to be practicing their **Magic Words** or **SWST Words** in their homework book.

### 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.



### Inquiry

This Term our Inquiry Unit has been all about 'In Our Community'. Students have been learning about our community and the different emergency services. We learnt about situations that might require us to call 000 and also what to do if we are lost or injured. Students loved our visits from St Johns Ambulance, Lilydale Police and Wandin CFA!



### What's Coming Up!

Wednesday 5th April—Twilight Sports 2:45pm—4:15pm

Thursday 6th April—End of Term 1, 2:30pm dismissal

Monday 24th April—Start of Term 2

Tuesday 25th April— Public Holiday—ANZAC Day

Friday 28th April—Free Dress Day—Easter Hat Theme!

*Grade 1 Team*

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