

WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 1

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

Term 2

Welcome to Term 2 in Grade 1! We hope you had a lovely Easter break, making many memories with your families and friends. We have an action-packed term planned for our amazing Grade 1s. Excursions to the Melbourne Zoo, Prep-2 Sport Day plus an investigative inquiry topic requiring microscopes and mini-beasts!

Here is some of what's on...

What are you grateful for today?

Readers Workshop

Last week the students started the term off by learning about **ANZAC Day** and eating yummy biscuits. We also learnt about the reasons why authors write: **persuade, inform and entertain**. They enjoyed working in groups to find the purpose or purposes!

For the next few weeks we will be reading **persuasive** texts. Our first mentor text is *Let's Save Antarctica: Why We Must Protect our Planet* by Catherine Barr. Students will learn how special this continent is and why we need to save it. Students will learn how Catherine writes. We will then **Make Connections** to ourselves, other texts and to the world. They will then learn how to critique the author.



Writers Workshop

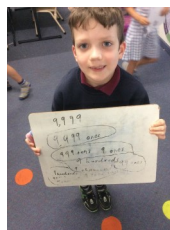
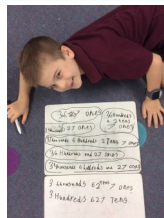
We began the new term with celebrating our authors. Using the app Book Creator, students did a wonderful job publishing their stories, playing with fonts, borders and graphics.

With the introduction of our **Persuasive** unit, students have dived into forming an opinion and working in collaborative groups to think of reasons for their opinion. It was great to see their GRIT when they were given a different opinion from their own! In the coming weeks, students will create a **persuasive poster**.



Maths

We have started the term off by revising **Place Value**. Students have blown us away with their wonderful enthusiasm and GRIT by bumping up their skills to work with 3 and even 4 digit numbers! This week will be revising and **Addition** and then moving onto **Subtraction**. Then will be moving onto our unit on Measurement, focusing on **Time**. Among the many skills, students will broaden their vocabulary of duration of time.

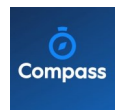


Homework Books & Readers

Please ensure you are assisting your child with their reader's each school night as well as recording their daily reading in their **Yellow Reader Book** (please see your classroom teacher if you need a replacement). Encourage your child to be practising their **Magic Words** or **SWST Words** in their lined homework books.

Reminders

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



Drink Bottles: Please send a drink bottle with **water** to school to keep your child/ren hydrated during learning time, even on cold days.



Twilight Sports

It was fantastic to see the Grade 1s turnout at last terms Twilight Sports. It was wonderful watching all the students work together across the levels to complete for the winning title.



What's Coming Up!

Friday 5th May - Mother's Day Stall at 3:30pm at the Basketball Court

Friday 12th May - Prep-2 Photo Trail excursion

Thursday 18th May - Open Night - from 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Thursday 1st June - Grade 1&2 Melbourne Zoo excursion

Miss Emma Hoehne & Miss Natalie Johnson