

Term 1 Year 2 Overview 2021

Respect

Quality

Cooperation

Pride

The Year 2 student group have greatly enjoyed their start to the school year. As a school focus, every class has spent the first two weeks exploring our school values of Respect, Cooperation, Pride and Quality. The Year 2 students have found this to be a supportive way of establishing classroom expectations that will enable them to strengthen their learning and emotional growth throughout the coming year. We have an exciting term ahead of us and look forward to seeing the students thrive as Year 2 leaders on Site East.

English

Our text type focus this term is description leading to narrative writing. We will continue to implement our whole school Jolly Phonics approach in relation to learning in phonics, grammar and spelling. We are currently testing students on their independent reading so that we can establish accurate levels to be sent home later this term. Your child's reading level will be a reflection of both the words that they can recognize (decode) as well as how they understand (comprehend) those words within a context. In class time we will begin to read and record our Premier's Reading Challenge books. Oral language (interacting skills) will be implemented across all classes on a regular basis. Individual class teachers will send home further information as to how this will work in your child's class.

Science

Our focus will be in Physical Sciences. The students will pose questions and make predications regarding push and pull forces. They will record their learning through observations and extend their understanding through questioning.

Mathematics

This year we will continue to develop students' skills in Mathematical Understanding, Fluency, Problem Solving and Reasoning. These proficiencies are developed through three content strands: Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. In term 1 we will focus on Number by firstly revising previous years learning around the history of mathematics, patterning and the Base Ten counting system. We will be exploring various calculating, counting and mental strategies to help solve real life situations.

Geography

In Term 1 the students will explore familiar and unfamiliar places by locating information from sources provided.

Technologies

Digital technologies will be integrated across all learning areas of the curriculum to enhance student learning.

Important Dates

Tuesday 2nd February Governing Council AGM
Tuesday 9th February Acquaintance Night
Monday 8th March Public Holiday
Wednesday 10th March School Photos
Friday 2nd April Good Friday Public Holiday
Monday 5th April Easter Monday Public Holiday
Thursday 9th April Last Day of Term 2pm Dismissal

29th March — 1st April (Week 10)

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

History

To be covered in Semester 2.

Excursions

We will plan several excursions linked to curriculum learning for 2021. Class teachers will send out further information once details have been finalised.

Health

The PE/Health teachers Michael and Des will cover the health curriculum, however class teachers will be teaching the Child Protection Curriculum component. This term learning will be explicitly planned for:

- *What it means to be safe*
- *We all have the right to feel safe*
- *How students can help themselves to remain safe*

STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

We will be integrating STEM throughout all aspects of the curriculum this term.

PE/Health, Japanese, The Arts

Specialist providers Michael, Des, Erin, Lauren and Abby are covering these subjects. You can read about their programs in their specialist newsletters accessed via the school website.

We are impressed with the way the children have settled into their new class groups and learning spaces. It is encouraging to see that a number of students are coming in and organising themselves independently each morning.

Great job everyone!

Warm regards the 2021 Year 2 Team,

Respect Quality Cooperation Pride

Mawson Lakes School Values