

**Important Events and Dates**

Week 1	Friday 26 July	National Tree Day
Week 2	Monday 29 July Wednesday 31 July	100% HOPE Tour- Kulturebreak Holly Bidwell author visit (Preschool - Year 2)
Week 3	Tuesday 6th August Friday 9th August	Year 1 Mulligans Flat Excursion Junior Assembly - Year 2 hosting
Week 4	Tuesday 13 August - Friday 16 August	Book Fair
Week 5	All Week Friday 23 August	Book Week Book Week dress up and parade 2.00pm Junior Assembly hosted by Year 1
Week 7	Tuesday 3 September Friday 6 September	The Great Indigenous Book Swap 1.30 in the hall 2.00pm Junior Assembly hosted by Kindergarten
Week 9	Thursday 19 September Friday 20 September	3.15pm Grandfriends' Day and Learning Expo 9.10am Whole School Awards Assembly in the gym
Week 10	Friday 27 September	Last day of term

**Curriculum Information**

**English**

**Reading-** Every morning for 15-20 minutes students will participate in small guided reading groups, working closely with a supporting adult to read texts carefully selected to support their reading growth. Thank you to those parent volunteers for your support during Term 2. We will still be welcoming parent helpers for reading groups during Term 3 and appreciate all of your help. All classes will be using shared texts, guided reading and a range of writing tasks. Students will also participate in lessons and activities to help them develop comprehension, fluency, accuracy and expand vocabulary when reading. Students will be reading a variety of rich texts to support their writing.

**Writing-** This term students will be focusing on information reports and procedures. They will continue to participate in meaningful play and investigation-based learning to support their engagement in all aspects of the curriculum.

**Spelling-** This semester, students who have learned to read their Magic 200 words will be given the opportunity to learn to spell the first 100 Magic words at home. We would appreciate your support with this work. Spelling will also be taught through differentiated spelling groups on Friday mornings amongst the Year 1 cohort.

**Speaking and listening-** This term students are being encouraged to share weekly 'News' with the class to build their confidence with public speaking. A schedule of topics and participation will be sent home and shared on SeeSaw.

**Mathematics**

Mathematics will be taught using a combination of rich, inquiry based activities, hands-on games and explicit whole-class teaching. Students will be working towards the following achievement standards this term:

- Students continue simple patterns involving numbers and objects.
- Students partition numbers using place value.
- Students carry out simple additions and subtractions using counting strategies.
- Students order objects based on lengths and capacities using informal units.
- Students describe two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional objects.
- Students classify outcomes of simple familiar events.
- Students use the language of direction to move from place to place.

**Units of Inquiry**

Weeks 1 -6 Endangered Animals: Living things, their habitats and how we can protect them. (Biology)


Weeks 7 - 10 Animation: Using Stop Motion to make a simple plasticine animation. (Digital Media)

### Pe@k Investigations (Passion and Enrichment @ Kaleen)

In conjunction with our unit of inquiry on endangered animals, students will be given the freedom to respond to the topic in ways that are meaningful to them. Teachers will support students by creating a stimulating learning environment and asking questions to help students make authentic literacy and numeracy links and extend their investigations.

### Digital Technologies

Students will have opportunities to use ICT to enhance their learning during maths and Inquiry lessons.

 **Seesaw-** This term students will continue sharing their learning through SeeSaw. They will be learning how to take photos/videos of their learning and record/label these to share with their families.

### Physical Education

This term Year 1 will be participating in weekly Active Australia lessons which will be run by our fabulous Year 6 students. These lessons will focus on fundamental movement skills and take place on Thursday afternoons. **Please ensure your child has sensible footwear and a full drink bottle on this day.** Student will also continue practising their fundamental movement skills and learning about Aboriginal culture through traditional Indigenous games. In addition to this, we will also be focusing on purposeful and creative dance that will allow students to express themselves in a variety of ways.



### Health

This term in Health, we will be focussing on Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Students will learn to recognise their emotions and how to self regulate. They will also be learning how to communicate effectively to enhance their experience with play.

## Specialist Programs

### Geography/Sustainability (Melissa Chiles)

During Sustainability lessons, students will develop their understanding of maps. They will investigate different types of maps and develop maps of familiar places. They will create a map of our school which will encompass all our gardens and sustainability areas. The Year 1 garden beds will also continue to be developed as part of the sustainability lessons.

### Japanese (Mari Kitasaki)

This term Year 1 students will review essential building block vocabulary, such as colours, weather, numbers, days of the week, family members, and body parts through singing a variety of songs. They will also review how to introduce themselves by their name, age, year level, nationality, place of residence, birthday, family, pets, favourite colour/sport/food. Students will learn to recognise and write up to 25 Hiragana characters.

### STEM (Caren Lowther)

This term, the Year 1 students will be learning about how data can be organised, represented and compared. They will also continue the robotics program and explore the programs Go and Path to complete various challenges.

### Music (Kathryn Finlayson)

This term students will continue their weekly music lessons with our music specialist Kathryn Finlayson. Year 1 music lessons will take place on Tuesdays and ukulele on Fridays.

### Additional Class Information

**Hats:** Our school is a SunSmart school and follows the Education Directorate's policy. August marks 'Hats on Again'

**Fruit break:** Students are encouraged to bring a fruit or vegetable snack to have during our morning session, as well as throughout the day, provided it is not going to make a mess.

**Water bottles:** Students are encouraged to have a water bottle, which can be kept in class and accessed as required.

Please don't hesitate to contact us via the Front Office on 6142 1750 or by email if you have any questions or queries.

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