

## Year 1 Curriculum Overview – Parent Information Term 4 2018

Dear Families,

Welcome back to another fabulous term of learning in Year One.

Important Events and Dates		
Week 2	Wednesday 24 October	Nude Food Day
Week 3	All week Friday 2 November	Ride Safe to School Week Wheels Day Junior Assembly at 2.00pm hosted by Year 2
Week 4	Tuesday 6 November	P&C Meeting 7pm
Week 5	Friday 16 November	Junior Assembly at 2.00pm hosted by Year 1
Week 6	Thursday 22 November	Year 6 Market Day
Week 7	Friday 30 November	Japanese Day Junior Assembly at 2.00pm hosted by Kindergarten
Week 8		
Week 9	Thursday 13 December Friday 14 December	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony 6pm Whole School Awards Assembly 9am Reports sent home
Week 10	Thursday 20 December Friday 21 December	Narumi's Farewell Assembly Last Day of School

### **Curriculum Information**

#### **English**

In English, we will continue to begin each day with guided reading groups. Parent help for these groups is greatly appreciated. In line with our inquiry unit on Minibeasts, students will be focussed on developing more complex sentences using descriptive vocabulary to interest their audience. 'Time to Talk' is part of our approach to developing listening and speaking skills. This is where children choose a topic from a list given by their teacher and prepare a short oral presentation for the rest of the class.

#### **Maths**

In Mathematics, we will be studying and revising the following areas: partitioning numbers according to place value, adding and subtracting, recognising Australian coins according to their value, ordering objects according to their capacity using informal measurements, using the language of direction, as well as classifying outcomes of simple familiar events using terms such as possible and impossible.

#### **Inquiry (Science)**

This term, Year 1 will be examining the diversity of the features and behaviour of small animals in our Minibeasts unit. We will be looking into how their adaptations help them to survive in their habitats. Through investigations, students learn how animals move, feed and protect themselves.

#### **The Arts**

This term we will continue to focus on Dance, Drama, Visual Art and Digital Media. Drama lessons will focus

on introducing students to following concepts: audience awareness, creativity, narrative, voice projection and emotions. Music lessons with Kathryn Finlayson will continue in term 4.

### **Health and Physical Education**

We hold regular PE activities and fitness in our individual classes, as well as Active Australia continuing until week 4 this term and tennis lessons conducted by Tennis Australia in weeks 2 - 5. These activities focus on gross motor skills and confidence building. In addition to this, we will emphasise social and emotional learning through our school wide use of PBL.

### **Specialist Programs**

#### **Japanese**

This term Year 1 students will review essential 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. Vocabulary related to classroom items will be used to make sentences in a shopping situation, such as, "Excuse me, do you have a pencil?", "Yes, we do. Here it is." "No, we don't. Sorry!" "How much is it?", "It is 100 yen", "That is cheap. I will take this one." "Thank you. Please come again." Students will learn to recognise all of the 46 Hiragana characters.

#### **Sustainability**

This term the Year 1 classes will complete their suburbs that they have been working on creating as part of a mapping unit. Following this the Year 1 classes will focus on materials which can be recycled, reused or reduced which will coincide with our school wide 'Nude Food Day' and installation of a new waste management system. Year 1 will also explore the systems Canberra has in place to support recycling.

#### **Digital Technology**

This term Year One 1 will finalise their learning of the applications learnt on the iPads from term 3 and finish their art pieces demonstrating artistic their techniques.

### **Additional Class Information**

#### **Hats**

Our school is a SunSmart school and follows the Education and Training Directorate's policy. Students will need to wear hats until the end of term.

#### **Fruit break**

Students are encouraged to continue bringing a fruit snack to have at the beginning of each day.

*Please don't hesitate to contact us via the Front Office on 61421750 or by email or Seesaw if you have any questions or queries.*

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