

YEAR 2 AND 1/2 K

NEWSLETTER

Homework

You will receive a letter from your child's classroom teacher regarding homework.

Mathletics, Typing Tournament and Reading Eggs

Students will be given their usernames and passwords for Mathletics and Reading Eggs. This year, trophies and certificates for Mathletics will be given out on Assembly.

Spelling

During Term 1, Year 2 students will be exposed to a range of different words. They will learn and practise a variety of spelling rules.

Home Reading

Remember reading is to be enjoyable, fun and a time for you to share the joy of reading with your child. This year, students will be able to use the program Reading Eggs for in class and at home reading.

Ideas for assisting your child at home when reading:

Find a place that is comfortable, relaxed and quiet for your child to read. Before reading the book, allow your child to look at the pictures on the front cover. Ask them to make predictions about the content of the story. Your child may also like to look through the book before reading it. Children gain meaning by looking at the pictures, reading the words and from making connections with events in the book. Ask your child questions relating to what, where, who, how and why – this will aid in improving your child's comprehension skills.

Welcome Back!

Welcome to all of our new and returning families for 2020. We trust that you enjoyed your Summer holidays and are feeling excited, refreshed and ready for an exciting year ahead. This newsletter will provide you with a brief outline of what students will be learning throughout Term 1 across all subject areas. Please also remember we have the school weekly newsletter via email and the P and C Facebook page for communication.

English

In Term 1, students will explore stories and characters. They will read, view and listen to a variety of texts and identify purpose and character attributes. Students will write responses to texts they have read in the classroom. They will develop character preferences and make connections.

Mathematics

This term, students will examine units of measurement in order to compare and order shapes and objects based on length, area, volume and capacity. Students will also explore chance and the collection of data to construct simple graphs. They will engage in a range of learning activities to further develop their understanding of two digit and three digit numbers, two dimensional shapes, and counting in a variety of different ways to and beyond one hundred.

HASS

This term, students will examine representations of the world as geographical divisions, develop questions about places and represent connections between places by constructing a map and using symbols.

Dance

This Semester, students will explore the 5 different elements in Dance and learn to describe how those elements impact a performance. They will also start to choreograph and eventually perform a short dance incorporating these elements.

ICT

This Semester, students will use both iPads and computers for a range of different learning activities. They will be given the opportunity to develop computer skills, such as logging in and exploring various applications.

Design

This Semester, students will get the opportunity to complete a design task. They will require to purchase a plain white t-shirt which they will use to create a costume suitable for a dance performance.

Why does school attendance matter?

Regular school attendance gives students a better chance at life. Students achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day because:

- they have increased access to learning opportunities
- they maintain friendships
- they stay connected to the curriculum progression
- they develop self-efficacy as a learner
- they have better long term life outcomes.

All absences must be reported to the Administration Office. An answering machine is available 24 hours a day for messages advising of student absences 33824333. Parents/carers are also able to advise of absences via QParents; email to absent@windarooms.eq.edu.au; or contacting the class teacher by note or email to explain the reason for absence.

Before and After School Expectations

Classroom doors will open at approximately 8:30 am each morning. If your child arrives at school before 8:15 am, they are required to wait in the Tuckshop Covered Area until a teacher releases them and then they may walk to their classroom. We finish school at 3:00 pm each day and would appreciate it if you could wait for your child away from classroom windows and doors. Please also be aware that the playgrounds are out of bounds before and after school.

Yearly Costs

The following are subject to change.

Excursion - \$20.00 (Term 3)

Dance Costume Bandana - \$3.00 (Term 4)

Contact

To contact your child's teacher please either contact the office on (07) 3382 4333 and leave a message or make an appointment before or after school. The Year 2 Teachers for 2020 are:

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