

Term 2 Newsletter

Prep

General Information

Welcome back to an exciting new term! After a very busy first term we have another huge term ahead of us with lots to learn and many exciting things to look forward to, such as Mother's Day, our first School Athletics Carnival and our annual Walkerston Community Under Eights Day event! This term we want to continue instilling some independence and responsibility in our students. We encourage the children to come inside and unpack their belongings ready for the day ahead and start their morning task.

Also, a reminder that our Library Day is Tuesday for both Prep A and Prep B. Music is on Mondays for Prep A and Fridays for Prep B. PE is on Wednesdays for Prep A and Thursdays for Prep B.

As the cooler weather begins, we remind you to please name any jumpers that are worn to school so we can return them if they are lost. In keeping with the school uniform policy that is endorsed by the P&C, wherever possible, please try to keep jumpers and tracksuit pants to either navy blue or black. It would also be a great time to freshen up names on hats and water bottles if they have faded.

Fluency Reads will continue this term. We ask that children practice these for at least 3 nights to ensure understanding. We also ask that they continue to enjoy sharing books with you as often as possible. This can include reading library books and favourite books from home. Please continue to record your child's reading in their reading log each night when they read with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to see us before or after school.

English

This term the children will be working towards writing simple sentences and creating an information text about a chosen animal to present to a small group. They will continue to explore letters and the sounds they make (phonics) and they will be applying this knowledge when reading words and sentences.

When writing, students will be working hard to learn about correct sentence structure and they will continue to practice correct letter formations.

They will also be exploring:

- The differences between information and narrative texts.
- the different features of books (title, author, illustrator, title page, illustrations, text).
- how images and words both carrying meaning in texts.
- make connections when we read.
- reading simple, decodable texts.

Maths

During this term students will continue to explore numbers and a range of mathematical concepts by engaging in hands-on activities, small group and whole class investigations and lots of games and play.

These concepts will include

- sorting and classifying objects
- matching numbers to collections of objects
- different ways to represent number
- counting forwards and backwards to and from 20.
- sequencing the days of the week.
- describing and identifying 2D shapes.
- copying, completing and creating simple patterns
- using positional language to describe location



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This term students will be investigating the features of living things. They will identify, describe and compare the external features of living thing. They will be drawing and labelling scientific diagrams and sorting living things into groups based on observable external features.

Humanities & Social Sciences

In HASS this term we will investigate the difference between commemorations and celebrations. Through the use of picture books, songs and videos, they will gain an understanding of important celebrations around the world, and recognise similarities and differences to their own family celebrations.

Physical Education

This term, all students from Prep to Year 6 will focus on developing their athletic skills in preparation for our exciting Athletics Carnival in Week 7! Throughout the term, students will participate in a variety of activities designed to build their abilities in sprinting, long jump, high jump, throwing events, and ball games. The goal is for every student to feel confident, give their best effort, have fun, and be ready to take on the challenges of participating in our carnival.

Health

This term students will investigate what is required to keep our bodies healthy. They will consider and discuss the importance of good nutrition, staying hydrated, physical exercise, good sleep habits and good personal hygiene.

Performing Arts

Students will create their own rhythm patterns and play them on different percussion instruments.

They will continue to work on the singing in a group and listening skills by playing I hear – same concept as I spy. In drama students will improvise their own script for Polly Put the Kettle on – exploring emotion and how to communicate that emotion effectively and safely.

Visual Arts

This term students will continue to view and create a range of artworks using a variety of different techniques.

Technology

In this unit students will continue to develop and apply Digital Technologies knowledge and skills through guided play and tasks integrated into other subject areas.

We will also be exploring:

- naming the different parts of a computer
- logging on and off
- using a mouse, clicking, double click and drag
- opening and using familiar educational programs
- becomes familiar with simple typing and where the letters are positioned on the keyboard

