

# GRADE 1 TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to all our students and families in Grade 1 2018.

There has been a great deal of activities happening in all our classrooms during the first week @ GIPS. All classes enjoyed the *LAUNCH into LEARNING* program with all our students creating some individual art pieces and other tasks.

Families are welcome to come and take a look at all the work our students have produced.

**Doors to the classrooms will be open from 8:50 am daily.**



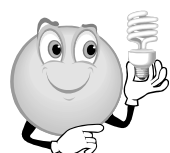
**SPECIALISTS:** This year our specialist teachers are ART (Nikki Szwarcbard) PERFORMING ARTS (Danniel Smith) LOTE (Madame Barre) PHYS.ED & CODING (Nathan Gilliland).

Classroom teachers will also take LIBRARY, RESILIENCE & ICT sessions.

## **INTEGRATED STUDIES:**

### **LIGHT UP MY WORLD with SOUNDS**

Our students will be learning about Light & Sound (its uses and forms).



Students will have opportunities to work individually and in groups to discuss issues and solve problems. They will also enjoy a hands on "Mad about Science" incursion at GIPS.

**LITERACY: Writing:** Our students will complete Recounts using planning templates for Who, When, Where, What, Why and Feelings. When students have completed their writing task, they use their plan to check that all the details are included. They will also complete a small Procedural text related to our Integrated unit e.g.: (How to make a...).

## **READING:**

Every student is part of a weekly Guided Reading group, focusing on fluency, expression, understanding word attack skills and strategies for reading unknown words.



ALL STUDENTS will also receive up to 5 books for TAKE HOME READING. Each student will be assigned a day for changing these books.

## **SPEAKING AND LISTENING TASKS:**

Our students engage in specific on-going tasks that are linked to the week's reading and writing tasks. They overlay learning centre activities and are developed through share time, listening activities, informal speeches, show and tell, presenting

work and appropriate greetings and responses. **Check the Show & tell Roster for the week's focus.**

## **MATHS:**



**Number:** Ordering lists of small sets of numbers. Counting forward and backwards by 2s, 5s and 10s between 1 and 100. Addition and subtraction by counting on and counting back. Recall of number facts and place value. **DATA:** Graphs



**PARENT HELPERS:** Class reps will be contacted by the classroom teachers as to how much and how often assistance is required. This will vary from class to class.

## **Classroom help will commence in Term 2.**

If you are unable to assist in the classroom then you may be able to support the students and staff with attending excursions, making aids and games for the classroom. There are many jobs that can be done out of school hours that will be of benefit to everyone.

## **CLASSROOM SUPPORT**

Grade 1 will receive learning support from Shelley Morrison & Bindi Tod. This support is essential to assist classroom

teachers with all students' next steps and intervention.

In Term 2, we will welcome back Miss Robyn Challis for further Literacy support.

*If you have any concerns regarding your child's progress please contact the classroom teacher first.*



## **IMPORTANT DATES IN TERM 1 2018**

### **GRADE 1 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

6:30 pm – 7:15 pm LIBRARY

### **MEET THE TEACHER**

TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> February

### **MICHAEL YMER MATHS PARENT EVENING**

TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> February

### **EYEING ON THE GREEN PICNIC**

FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY

### **CURRICULUM DAY**

FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

### **LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

**PLEASE CHECK COMPASS REGULARLY for NOTICES and UPCOMING EVENTS.**

**END OF TERM 1 THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**TERM 2 BEGINS MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

*The Grade 1 team look forward to working with our students and families in 2018.*

*Sophie McKernan, Lee Laier, Brodee Procel & Kate Van der Jagt.*