



Grade Two Newsletter

Term One 2019

Coming up in Term One

February

Grade 2 Parent
Information Night
Monday 11th

Curriculum Day
Monday 18th

Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 19th

March

Night on the Green
Friday 1st

Labour Day
Monday 11th

Happy Me, Healthy
Me Celebration Day
Friday 29th

April

Colour Run
Tuesday 2nd

School Photos
Wednesday 3rd

End of Term One
(2.30pm dismissal)
Friday 5th



Welcome Back to GIPS for 2019!

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful break and that your children are ready for an exciting year in Grade Two.

It has been lovely to see how quickly the children have settled back into school routines. They already appear comfortable and confident in their Grade Two surroundings and have been working together to build happy and friendly classrooms in 2B, 2H and 2J.

We have an exciting year ahead at GIPS in 2019. Along with all of the annual school events (e.g. the disco and swimming), there are many fun-filled Grade Two occasions which we know the children are already looking forward to (especially the sleepover early in Term Four)!

Literacy

This term, children will be engaged in daily reading and writing sessions. A major focus of the reading program will be on developing reading comprehension strategies to ensure a deeper understanding of what has been read. The children will continue to developing their writing skills through daily 'Writer's Notebook' sessions. They will be encouraged to explore different forms of writing, with a major focus on procedural writing (e.g. recipes and instructions).

Numeracy

Some of the concepts to be covered this term during our daily numeracy block are Place Value, Data, Time, Number Patterns and Counting Sequences and Mental Strategies for Addition and Subtraction. Early in Term One, each child will complete a one-on-one session with their class teacher to identify their future learning needs in the area of Number.

Integrated Studies

Along with the rest of the school, Grade Two will begin the term with the topic *Launch into Learning*. Each class works together to establish routines, reflect on how we learn best and identify how we all play a part in creating a happy and productive learning community. If you pop in to visit your child's classroom, the children will be able to show how they have been working to demonstrate *What makes a happy classroom. We all learn differently and what I need to do to be the best learner I can be.*

Beginning in week three, the Grade Twos will begin work on the topic *Happy Me, Healthy Me*. Through discussion and investigation, the children will explore how a healthy lifestyle and developing good friendships is essential for living a happy, healthy life.

Take Home Reading

Take Home Reading will begin next week. As in Grade One, the children will each be allocated a day to return their Take Home Reading bag. This day will also be their Show and Tell day.

Communication

If your child is absent from school, whether that be all day due to illness or late due to an appointment, please ensure this absence is entered on Compass or put in writing and forwarded to your child's class teacher. Also, if a parent/carer collects their child from school early for any reason, please ensure they sign in at the front office and collect an absence slip from the office staff.

Any student who arrives to school late is to visit the front office to sign in before heading to their classroom.

As is always the case, there are a number of events coming up in Term One (see previous page). Further information regarding these events will be sent home shortly and can be found on the school website.

The Grade Two team are looking forward to a fabulous year and to working together with families throughout 2019.

Regards,

Emma Black, Sam Hynes and Mary-Anne Jansen
Grade 2 Teachers

Term One Show and Tell Timetable

Week 2 and Week 3 (4 th - 15 th February)	Me in a Bag/Box Presentations. The Grade Two children will each be asked to fill a bag or box with items that they would like to share with their class. Instructions will be attached to the bag or box.
Week 4 (18 th - 22 nd February)	Be a 'bucket filler!' Do or say something kind and friendly to three different people. Share what you did and how it made you and the other people feel.
Week 5 (25 th February - 1 st March)	Make a list of 3 foods you can eat everyday and 3 foods you can only eat sometimes.
Week 6 (4 th - 8 th March)	Use your imagination and make an edible creature using pieces of vegetables and fruits. Give your creature a name and explain what you used and how you made your creature.
Week 7 (11 th - 15 th March)	Talk about a sport or activity that you do (or would like to do) outside of school. What do you do? What equipment do you need? Why is it fun?
Week 8 (18 th - 22 nd March)	Bring in a copy of your favourite healthy recipe and explain why you like this recipe.
Week 9 (25 th - 29 th March)	Keep a diary showing all the ways you have been active and exercised in a week.
Week 10 (1 st - 5 th April)	Free Choice.

Grade 2 Weekly Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Art 2B	Performing Arts 2B & 2J	Art 2H & 2J		French 2H
PE 2J	Library All Grade Twos	French 2B & 2J		Assembly Fortnightly Even Weeks
Performing Arts 2H		PE 2B & 2H		

