



Grade Two Newsletter

Term One 2018

Coming up in Term One

February

Information Night
Tuesday 13th

Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 20th

Evening on the
Green Welcome
Picnic
Friday 23rd

Michael Ymer Maths
Parent Evening
Tuesday 27th

March

Curriculum Day
Friday 9th

Labour Day
Monday 12th

School Photos
Monday 19th

Happy Me, Healthy
Me Celebration Day
(TBC)
Friday 23rd

End of Term One
(2.30pm dismissal)
Thursday 29th



Welcome Back to GIPS for 2018!

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 2018. Along with all of the annual school events (e.g. French Day, the Grade Two Sleepover, the disco and swimming), Glen Iris Primary School will be preparing for the school concert in Term Three.

Literacy

This term, children will be engaged in daily reading, writing and spelling 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 2018.

Regards,

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

Term One Show and Tell Timetable

Week 2 to Week 4 (5 th - 23 rd 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 5 (26 th February - 2 nd March)	Make a list of 3 foods you can eat everyday and 3 foods you can only eat sometimes.
Week 6 (5 th - 9 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 (12 th - 16 th March)	Bring in a copy of your favourite healthy recipe and explain why you like this recipe.
Week 8 (19 th - 23 rd March)	Keep a diary showing all the ways you have been active and exercised in a week.
Week 9 (26 th - 29 th March)	Free Choice.

Grade 2 Weekly Timetable

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

