



# Term Four 2018

## Coming up in Term 4

### October

Walk to School

From Monday the  
8<sup>th</sup> of October to  
Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of  
November

Sleepover and  
Games Night  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

### November

Make & Bake Stall  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Curriculum Day  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

Melbourne Cup  
Day  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Disco  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>

CERES Excursion  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

### December

Swimming  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> to  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

End of Term Four  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> (1.30pm  
dismissal)



## Here Comes Term Four!

It is hard to believe that Term Four is already upon us! We hope families all enjoyed a safe and happy holiday and are now ready for the many events already planned for the term ahead.

There is already a great buzz around the Grade 2 classrooms with the Sleepover and Games Night now only weeks away. This is an eagerly awaited event and is part of the school camping program. Thank you to the many parents who have already volunteered to assist with the smooth running of this event.

### Literacy

A major focus of the Literacy program this term will be on Expositions (persuasive writing). Children will also read a range of poems with an emphasis on the structure of different forms of poetry as well as rhythm, rhyme and common spelling patterns. The children will continue with daily choice writing as part of the Writer's Notebook program and, during Stop and Pause, will be writing their own persuasive piece.

Developing reading comprehension strategies will also continue to play a big part of the reading program. As always, children will be encouraged to 'chat' about their reading as they make predictions, think about the author's purpose and make connections between reading material and their own experiences.

Once again, a big 'Thank You' to all those parents who have given up their time to assist with Classroom Help during the morning Literacy block. It is greatly appreciated by the staff and we know that the children love having you there. We hope to see many of you during Term Four!

### Numeracy

Some of the concepts to be covered this term during our daily Numeracy block are Place Value, Money, Fractions, Mass and Time. The children will revise the four operations (+, -, x and ÷) and continue to be involved in regular sessions to develop their problem-solving skills. To build on the automatic recall of number facts, the children will also participate in our Mental Maths Challenge.

### Integrated Studies

Grade Two will be 'Going Green' this term as the children investigate the topic of Sustainability. The children will be exploring ways we can all help our environment and will learn about the 4Rs – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink. As always, the children are encouraged to bring to school 'Nude Food' wherever possible. We will be visiting CERES Environment Park to further explore the idea of 'Going Green' during week seven and will no doubt return to school with many helpful tips to share.

# Term Four Show and Tell Timetable

Our Show and Tell topics are linked to the classroom program and may include tasks involving Literacy, Numeracy and Integrated Studies.

Week 1 8 <sup>th</sup> of October	Holiday news.
Week 2 15 <sup>th</sup> of October	Record three 'dis' moments and share them with the class.
Week 3 22 <sup>nd</sup> of October	Fill out the Going Green Checklist that will be sent home during Week 1.
Week 4 29 <sup>th</sup> of October	Keep a tally for one week on how many times you used a car, how many times you rode your bike/scooter and how many times you walked somewhere. Give yourself a star rating out of 5 for your sustainable travel habits.
Week 5 5 <sup>th</sup> of November	CURRICULUM DAY & MELBOURNE CUP – NO SHOW AND TELL
Week 6 12 <sup>th</sup> of November	We will be learning about poetry in the classroom. Bring along a favourite poem, rhyme or chant to share with the class.
Week 7 19 <sup>th</sup> of November	Write an acrostic poem for one of the following words: reuse, recycle, rethink, sustainability.
Week 8 26 <sup>th</sup> of November	Make a toy using recycled materials (e.g. cereal boxes, toilet paper rolls, etc.) and share it with the class.
Week 9 3 <sup>rd</sup> of December	Share a highlight from your Grade 2 year. Explain the who, what, when and where along with WHY you have selected this highlight.
Week 10 & 11	SWIMMING – NO SHOW AND TELL. Please return <u>ALL</u> Take Home Reading books.

## Learning Together at Home

### Literacy

An ongoing focus in the classroom at the moment is on reading fluently and with expression. Children have loved recording their reading at school on the iPads and listening back to hear themselves read aloud. We encourage children to practise reading aloud at home wherever possible. It is also valuable to hear a family member read aloud, as then the children can hear smooth and expressive reading. Often re-reading a familiar text can help children focus on this aspect of their reading.

### Numeracy

It is great to see how many children are getting involved with Mathletics at home. This is a great resource for children to reinforce all areas of maths and consolidate learning in the classroom. Well done to all of those children who have earned themselves medals on Mathletics. We are sure you have seen your mental maths skills improve!

We are looking forward to sharing an exciting Term Four with the children and yourselves!

Regards,

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