Welcome back to GIPS for 2016!

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful break and that the children are ready for an exciting year ahead 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 classroom communities in 2C and 2J.

We have an exciting year ahead at GIPS in 2016. Along with all the annual events (e.g. swimming, French Day, Grade Two Sleepover), Glen Iris Primary School will be preparing for the school concert in early Term Four.

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 develop 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, instructions).

Numeracy

Some of the concepts to be covered this term during our daily numeracy block are Time, Number Patterns and Counting Sequences, Mental Strategies for Addition and Data. 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, Grade Two 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.

Comming up in Term One

February

Information Night
Tuesday 16th

Family Fiesta
Friday 19th

Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 24th

March

School Photos
Tuesday 1st

Happy Me, Healthy Me Celebration
Friday 8th

Cake and Produce Stall
Friday 8th

End of Term
Thursday 24th
Term One Show and Tell Timetable

Our Show and Tell topics are linked to our Integrated Studies focus.

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<td>All About Me Bag Presentations—The Grade Two children will each be asked to fill a bag with items they would like to share with the class group. Instructions will be attached to the bag.</td>
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<td>Week 6</td>
<td>Make a list of 3 foods you can eat everyday and 3 foods you eat only sometimes.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Week 8</td>
<td>Bring in a copy of your favourite healthy recipe and explain why you like this recipe.</td>
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<td>Week 9</td>
<td>Keep a diary showing all the ways you have been active and exercised in one week.</td>
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Grade 2 Weekly Timetable

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