

Monday 29th April 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 2. A special and welcome to new students in **DD26** and a warm welcome back to our returning students.

A few reminders about our school times and lessons.

Our school day is as follows: -

8.55	School begins
11.05-11.35	Lunch time
1.15-1.35	Recess time
3.05	Home time

Word Study – we will continue with word study everyday which includes the spelling of words as well as rules and patterns. Your child will have a new list of words to learn each week and I encourage students to understand the meaning of words and be able to use them, rather than just learning how to spell them.

Sight Words - Students must practice their sight words by saying them aloud every day. This will help with developing language fluency.

Reading – Students **must** practice their reading **every day**. I will also be setting up a **guided reading** program which will take place three times a week. This gives students the opportunity to listen to other students and read aloud at their level, as well as activities to complete.

Library - The students will visit the library on **Wednesdays**, but will also borrow readers at a separate time.

Writing – our writing focus will be on Information Report and we will be learning about 'Houses and Homes'. As part of our learning, we will be going on an excursion to the Migration Museum and Art Gallery in Week 6.

Handwriting – we have one handwriting lesson per week and will use SA cursive. We encourage correct letter formation, accurate pencil grip and posture.

Homework - homework will include spelling, sight words and reading every day. Sometimes there will be extra maths homework.

Mathematics: - In maths we will be focusing on **multiplication and division**, but will also be learning about **time**. We will continue to revise the work covered in Term 1 (number, place value and shape).

The Arts with Ms Carn - this term students will be working on a project involving Drama, Dance and Media Arts focus around the theme of People Together. In **Drama**, students will be exploring situations, character, relationships, and role. In **Dance**, students will continue to explore movement and choreographic devices using dance elements, improvising structured movement ideas for dance sequences and body control. In **Media Arts**, students will create short digital artworks to display in the front office and in conjunction with their drama/dance performances.

Science and Health with Mrs Lakra and Mr Mark. This term in Science students will learn about materials that don't mix well, and others that are difficult to separate. Through hands-on investigations, students will explore how changing the quantities of materials in a mixture can alter its properties and uses. In health, students will learn about road safety. Mr Mark will also spend one lesson each week teaching students about Aikido as part of our PE program.

If you have any queries or concerns about your child and their learning, please contact me. This can be done by calling the school office and leaving a message, then I will call you at my earliest convenience.

I am looking forward to teaching your child and having a wonderful term ahead.

Kind Regards,

Ms Dana

