

Welcome back to school for term 2 2019. I am looking forward to a busy term.



This term we will be learning about **Description writing** on our topic of Australian Animals. We will be looking at the features of Animals such as the kangaroo, crocodile and how to use descriptive language in our writing. I will be modelling how to do descriptive writing and how to set up sentences using punctuation and grammar. We will continue to develop our English Oral language.

We will continue our practice of reading and reading comprehension. We will be revising the alphabet and learn about small word families and blends. We will use these in sentences.

In mathematics we will be finishing our work on 3 d shape and learn about Australian money and Chance and Data. We will continue to work on number: place value and addition and subtraction.

Science with Namerta Lakra the children will be learning about Chemical Science and objects are made of materials that have observable properties. Through investigations, students develop skills of observing, describing, comparing and communicating. The unit provides opportunities for students to explore, through hands-on activities, what things are made of in the school environment and the properties of the materials used to make them.

Music with Ruth Locke: This term, Students will continue with Music skill development. They will learn some class songs and practise keeping in time with a steady beat and playing various rhythms. In addition to this, classes will be introduced to Creative Body-based Learning, which combines the elements of dance and drama, with a focus on creative processes. Activities will include exploration of a range of dance genres, as well as traditional and contemporary Indigenous Cultural expression in Performance Arts.

Students will practise safe movement, awareness of body positions, basic movements, co-ordination, teamwork, improvisation, storytelling and understanding of Music, Dance and Drama vocabulary.

Homework is set each night. The children have reading, sight words and phonics. Their homework pocket needs to come to school each day so I can check their progress. This should take children 10 minutes at the most to complete.



Our **library** day is **Friday**. Children are able to borrow one book and need to return it to the library the following week. They are able to borrow 3 readers which we also change once a week. Please encourage your child to look after the books as any damage or loss will require you to replace the book at a cost of \$10.

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Assembly is held in the gym every third Friday at 9:15am. Families are warmly welcomed to attend. I will let you know when it is our turn to present our learning.

Important diary dates:

School Photos Wednesday 8th May

Mother's Day Stall Wednesday 8th May

Reconciliation Week 27th- 31st of May

Student Free Day Tuesday 11th June

Healthy Lunchboxes help young children to learn. Would you please give your child a piece/s of fruit to have as a healthy snack during the day. Please keep biscuits/cake/chocolate/lollies to a minimum.

Water rather than juice is best for learning. Due to safety issues I am unable to heat or cook food for your child. Plenty of **sleep** makes it easier for children to learn. Please make sure your child has lots of sleep so that they can learn at school.



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Just a reminder:

If your child is absent for any reason please ring the office on 8262 4864 and let us know.

It is important that your child is on time to school in the morning as they miss the opportunity to be involved in activities where they can make friends and learn. School yard supervision starts at 8:35 school starts at 8:55 am.

Please try to make appointments for your child after school or during school holidays as too many absences affects their ability to learn quickly.

If you pick your child up early you need to sign them out from the front office. This helps to make sure your child goes safely home with their family.

If you would like to contact me please write a note and send it with your child or ring me on 8262 4864. I am available to talk to most days **before** and **after** school.

I hope that both you and your child will find this term both exciting and rewarding.

Yours Sincerely

Catherine Florance