



Manuka Newsletter Term 2



Welcome back to the Manuka team for term two. We hope you all enjoyed a fantastic and relaxing holiday. If you have been into school, you will have noticed that we have made some changes to the Manuka area. All of the rooms have been opened to provide a collaborative working space for the children. We would love you to have a look around if you are at school.

There may be times when you wish to discuss your child with us. If we are not immediately available, we will arrange a convenient time to talk. It is very important to have good communication between home and school and we hope you will contact us if you have any concerns or queries.

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Curriculum

For inquiry, students will be learning about dinosaurs. This is a much loved topic in our team, and we wanted to provide opportunities for the students to find out more through a range of science, maths, technology and art activities.

For literacy, students will be learning to research topics to write information reports, as well as creative writing through poetry and narratives. They will also continue to develop their planning, writing and editing skills and will use the Long Bay carriages to guide them.

Mathematics programmes will be based around geometry and measurement (time) and number. With the number programme, we will be grouping within the class, based on the needs of the students.

Cross country is a big event this term. Students will be preparing for it with physical exercises and games aimed to improve their fitness. There will be times they will need to practise running on the field and a change of clothes is recommended as the field can get very muddy. Our skills and games focus is catching, throwing and kicking in the context of invasion games.

Upcoming Events

Life Education - Weeks 1-2

Teacher Only Day - Week 5 - Friday 1st June

Cross Country - Week 7 - Years 1-3 Friday 15th June.

School Disco - Week 9 - Friday 29th June

Parent Teacher Interviews - Week 10 : Wednesday 4th

July

School Uniform

It is important that the correct uniform is worn however we do understand that there may be times when it is necessary for non-regulation items to worn. An explanatory note would be appreciated. As we are entering the colder season, students should have a school jumper and a raincoat available. If girls are wearing tights, they must be navy or black.

Please make sure all clothes are labelled.

Parent Help

Parent help is always welcome and there are many tasks that you can do to assist. For example supervising with trips outside the classroom, coaching or helping with sports teams etc. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to help. Also we do appreciate assistance with school-wide programmes such as Bookworm and sporting events.

Reminders

- Book bags must be brought to school every day. Please check in the afternoon for notices.
- Thursday is our library day. Remember to return and exchange books
- We are a wrapper free school. Please remember to use reusable lunch bags, containers, and wraps instead of gladwrap, and avoid sending food that has a wrapper.
- **It is very important that lunches do not include egg or nuts, as we have students in Manuka team who are highly allergic.**

