

What's happening in Foundation Term 2 Newsletter 2016



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. This term we will continue our learning about Character through Superheroes. This unit will end with a special assembly on Monday 2nd May, where we will celebrate our learning around Values and Character. We will be joining the whole school in the Just One Day focus, culminating in a whole school activity day on Friday 20th May. We will then

be learning about farms and we will be visiting Myuna Farm as part of our learning experiences. Education Week is coming up in Week 6 and will give families an opportunity to visit the school and children's classrooms. We will also be celebrating learning the letter 'P' with a Peter Puppy Pyjama Day, when we wear our pyjamas to school. All foundation classes are enjoying participating in the Just Get Active Program which encourages children to be active and use mindfulness to focus their thinking. We are looking forward to a very busy term!

Week starting	WEEK	Letter focus
11/4	1 Red Words	li
18/4	2	Nn Gg
25/4	3	Oo
2/5	4 Blue Words	Yy
9/5	5	Ff Pp
16/5	6	Ee
23/5	7	Uu
30/5	8 Green words	Kk Ll
6/6	9	Vv Jj
13/6	10	Rr
20/6	11	revision

Wellbeing and School Values

As part of Student Wellbeing we incorporate the Rangeview Values into our learning. We do this through our 'Bucket Filling' program, our Superhero Character study, eSmart Cyber Safety and personal safety activities. *Character is one of the 21st Century skills preparing children for their future. All children need to be able to positively meet the challenges and solve problems they face in learning and life. These skills also link to our Rangeview PS. values of Respect, Responsibility, Teamwork and Learning.*

The traits of Character are: grit, determination, perseverance and resilience. Grit is defined as the disposition to pursue long term goals with passion and perseverance. The ability to make learning an essential part of our daily lives is also an integral part of Character. Our school values Code of Student Behaviour book will be sent home early in Term 2. This book needs to be read at home and then signed and returned to school – we will continue to read and use this in our classrooms throughout the year.

This term our school is focussing on the 21st Century skill of Citizenship where we develop a deeper understanding of global

citizenship, that is, being aware of our own and others culture's and global issues. The Just One Day focus will help us with this.

Play Based learning

The children develop positive social relationships through play and group work. We run a play based learning session every Wednesday afternoon, where the children can go into any Foundation classroom. This gives them an opportunity to play and learn with other children.

Take Home Reading books and coloured word lists

Please continue to read with your child every day. It does make a difference to your child's progress. We also send home the coloured word lists, such as the 'Golden and Red Words'.

These are some of the most common words in reading. Help your child to learn these words. To do this you could: make cards with the words on them, play a memory game, play snap, cut out words from magazines or newspapers, write them or make them out of playdoh. Please be aware that the teachers regularly assess the student's reading and then move them on accordingly.

Show and Tell, News or Sharing Time

The children really enjoy sharing something with the class and are developing their speaking and listening skills. Please help your child select appropriate items to bring to school on their Show and Tell day. Speak with your child about what they might tell the class, even if they do not bring anything to show.

In Term 2 we introduce 2 letters most weeks. Please send something along that starts with one, or both of the letters.

iPads in Foundation

This term we will be preparing the children for the safe and responsible use of iPads, in readiness for the introduction of the school BYOiPad program. We will be using a small set of shared school iPads. The Bring Your Own iPad program starts in term 3 for the Foundation students. There will be more notices coming home this term to explain the apps needed, the responsible use agreements to be signed and information about connection to the school network.

School start / finish

If students are late for school (after 9:00am) they must go past the school office and get a late pass. Also when students leave early, they must be signed out at the office.

Notices that should be signed and returned to school – these include:

- Premiers' Reading Challenge permission notice
- Acceptable Use Agreement for internet and digital technologies.

Term 2 dates for your diary.

- Reading Workshops usually begin in the Foundation rooms in the second week of Term 2.
- Values Assembly (Superheroes) **2nd May at 2:45 pm** in the Hall.
- **Peter Puppy Pyjama Day** the children wear their pyjamas to school on Friday **13th May**. There will be a parade between 9:15-10:15am in the gallery
- **Education Week May 16th - 20th** will include an **open morning on Tuesday 17th** and **open night on Thursday 19th** when the Foundation rooms will be open for viewing along with the whole school.
- **Just One Day – Friday 20th May**
- Excursion **to Myuna Farm** will be on Friday **27th May** – rain, hail or shine!
- **Curriculum Day - 30th May**
- Parent/teacher interviews will be at the end of term, after reports are available on line around Friday 17th June.

As you can see we are in for a very exciting Term 2 full of great learning experiences for your child. Many more details will be sent home during the term.

Kind regards

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