13 February 2017

Stage 2 Information

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for all your efforts in preparing your child for their return to school. The Stage 2 students have settled well into their new classes and seem ready for a busy and productive year.

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight important information regarding programs that will be implemented this term.

ENGLISH
Speaking and Listening
The students in Stage 2 will be presenting topic talks fortnightly. The students will be required to present information using spoken language on a known topic to a group of listeners. Topic talks need to be prepared as part of your child’s homework.

Topic talks commenced in Week 3 (Monday, 6 February 2017).

The topics for Year 3 and 4 each week are listed below.

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<th>Week</th>
<th>Topic</th>
<th>Content</th>
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<td>3/4</td>
<td>Holiday Recount</td>
<td>Tell us something interesting about your holiday.</td>
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<td>5/6</td>
<td>Free News</td>
<td>Students present news on a topic of their choice.</td>
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<td>7/8</td>
<td>Australia</td>
<td>Prepare a talk on one of the following aspects of Australia;</td>
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<td>*Natural feature of Australia, for example; The Great Barrier Reef, The</td>
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<td>Blue Mountains, Uluru, Bondi Beach.</td>
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<td>*Man-made feature of Australia, for example; The Harbour Bridge, The</td>
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<td>Opera House, Port Arthur, Parliament House.</td>
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<td>*Events celebrated in Australia, for example; Australia Day, Multicultural Day.</td>
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<td>*Significant Australian sporting events, for example; The Australian Open, Melbourne Cup, Boxing Day Test Match.</td>
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<td>This topic talk is a formal assessment.</td>
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<td>9/10</td>
<td>Term 1 in Review</td>
<td>What have you enjoyed doing at school in Term 1?</td>
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SPORT
In addition to school sport and PSSA on Fridays, Stage 2 Physical Education lessons will be held on specific days of the week for each class. The students will need to wear their sport shoes on the following days:

3A: Wednesday       4G: Tuesday
3D: Tuesday         4H: Tuesday
3F: Wednesday       4J: Thursday
3H: Thursday

LIBRARY
All Stage 2 classes will visit the school library this semester on the following allocated days:

3A: Monday     4G: Friday
3D: Monday     4H: Friday
3F: Wednesday  4J: Monday
3H: Monday

Students will need to bring their library bag to school on their library day if they want to borrow books from the library.

HOMEWORK
Stage 2 homework will comprise of:
- Spelling activities
- Topic talk preparation (on a fortnightly basis)
- Mathematics activities
- Home Reading
- Extension activity (optional)

Stage 2 homework commenced in Week 3. Homework books/folders will be sent home each Monday and need to be returned to school on Friday.

Student class work books will need to be covered in a clear plastic or clear contact to protect book covers. Books will be sent home on Friday 17 February 2017 (Week 4) and returned to school on Monday 20 February 2017 (Week 5).

Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to a productive term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs B. Adams                                                     Mr P. D’Ermilio
Relieving Assistant Principal                                Principal