Principal's Message

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we are heading towards our final week of Term 1. While Term 1 is always very short, it feels like just the other day that we opened our doors for the first time. I believe that we've made an excellent start to our first year of operation: while there have been little setbacks along the way (the playground!), overall we've had a great start. Most importantly, I frequently hear kids from both classes talking about what they've learned, or saying how happy they are to be with us. Given that we’re a small school in 2016, I think that says a lot!

On a sad note, we are sorry to have to say farewell to Mrs Coulson at the end of this term. She has been an asset to the school community, and it is obviously a loss for us. With that said, we hope that a time of rest and recuperation will help her feel better. It is also possible that we may see her back for a short period in Term 2, though if that is the case she will be acting as a CRT rather than a permanent teacher.

I wish you and your family all the best for the holiday period, and look forward to welcoming back our students in Term 2.

Warm Regards,

Jacqui Bosman

Important News

Staffing Update

As previously mentioned, our F2C teacher Rachael Coulson will be leaving us at the end of this term due to health reasons. We are doing everything in our power to appoint an excellent replacement and will inform you of any decisions made promptly. We thank you for your understanding and support at this time.

Upcoming Events

March 18
Open Day

March 21
Grade 3/4 Excursion

March 24
Last Day of Term 1

April 11
First Day of Term 2

Important Announcement

Changes to Homework Club!

Homework club is now only running on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday due to availability of tutors. However, on Mondays and Tuesdays, if students cannot be picked up at 3:30 then they will have supervised play from 3:30-4:00 in the upstairs courtyard, and in the library from 4:00pm onwards. Students will be expected to work quietly on their homework.
News from the Classroom

F-2 News

As the term begins to wind down, it is amazing to see the progress the F2C students have made already this year.

Our literacy focus this term has been on using the sounds we hear when speaking to build words in our writing. We have begun to look at how the English language uses different combinations of letters to make different sounds, or codes as we like to call them. In particular, we have been looking at the codes, th, er, ir, ur, ear, wor and ow. The children have been code spotters, on the lookout for these codes hiding in their favourite stories and classroom reading materials also.

This week we have moved on from description text writing and are beginning to look at procedure texts and how we use them in our lives. We started with a simple procedure text that had us all hungry... we made popcon!! We will continue looking at recipes and other types of procedure texts for the rest of term 1.

In numeracy, we have been working hard on establishing our understanding of place value for our grade 1's and 2's while our foundation students are consolidating their number knowledge up to 10. This week we have begun to look at all of the different addition strategies, including doubles. We are now the doubles champions!!

3/4 News

The time has finally come: the 3/4s have planned their recipes and are ready to take to the kitchen in order to make a delicious, healthy lunch for the school, staff and their invited guests. It’s been wonderful to watch all of the hard work and effort that they’ve been putting in to this activity, and we hope that you enjoy their cooking. We did have to simplify it a little, as the class is full of Junior Masterchefs!

The class is also looking forward to their first excursion: a trip to Heronswood and the Digger’s Club at Dromona (permission slips should be in your child’s bag today). The focus of the excursion is on beginning to think about planting a kitchen garden for the school later in the year, and connecting the experience to their knowledge of healthy foods. We were also lucky enough to get the Digger’s Club to allow students to interview one of their many knowledgeable gardeners, so we may have some future orchardists coming home as well!

End of Term Celebration

This term has been such a busy one and we would like to celebrate all of the children’s hard work!

On Thursday 24th March, we will be having a special lunch. On this day your child will not need to bring their lunch as lunch will be provided for them.

Thank you 😊