1/2D Newsletter Term 4 2013
Welcome back to Term 4. We look forward to a busy and rewarding final term.

English
Students will continue to participate in a variety of reading, writing and talking and listening activities. Literacy groups will commence again in Week 3 once the swimming scheme has finished. Please see the class roster for parent helpers. In writing, students will be revising the different types of texts learnt this year. A list of the Term 4 news topics has been sent home. Please note that students need to complete a project on environments this term. Projects will need to be ready for the students to present to the class on their news day in Week 7.

This term the focus will be on how find a fiction book in the library. All K – 2 classes will be revising the difference between fiction and non-fiction titles. The importance of the author’s name will be discussed, what part of the name is the surname identified and how this applies to finding a title in the library. All classes will then be working on how to locate a picture, junior fiction and fiction book in the library.

Mathematics
The following concepts will be taught this term:-
Week 1: Revision
Week 2: Whole Number and Time
Week 3: Addition and Position
Week 4: Multiplication and 3D Shape
Week 5: Fractions and Volume and Capacity
Week 6: Whole Number and Data
Week 7: Subtraction and Mass
Week 8: Patterns and Algebra and 2D Shape
Week 9: Revision and Assessment
Week 10: Revision and Assessment

Please note that at times there may be some alterations to the above schedule in individual classes in order to accommodate student needs and variations in the school routines.

PDHPE
PE for Years 1 and 2 will include small circuit stations including catching, throwing and hand/eye activities with bats and balls, and some team relays and running games. Modified team ball games will also be played. It will be a fun and active term of PE.

Class swimming will resume in Week 3 this term. Students are required to bring their swimmers, cap, towel, thongs and rash vest and goggles if required. Parent helpers will be needed for these lessons to occur. Please note pool times may differ from the Term One timetable.

Students will participate in Life Education and Drug Education this term. We will also continue to focus on PBEL this term (Positive Behaviour for Engaging Learning). Students will continue to learn about our school expectations which are summarised by the acronym R.O.A.R (Respect, Organised, Aspire and Responsible). Students who meet the expectations will be rewarded regularly and acknowledged through the revised school merit system. Students whose behaviour does not meet the expectations will be encouraged to reflect on how their behaviour could be improved.

HSIE
Students will be studying the topic ‘Wet and Dry Environments’. This unit of work allows students to explore life in wet and dry environments. Students will focus on people’s interactions with, and responsibilities towards, these different environments.

Technology
In ICT lessons this term students will create a poster related to their HSIE topic ‘Wet and Dry Environments’. They will apply skills that they have developed in using PowerPoint and Word to create, format and publish a poster using Word.
Creative Arts
In music during Term 4, 1/2D students will take part in the Music Count Us In Too program, which involves the whole school singing the song, ‘Keep On’ at the same time, on the same day as all registered schools nationwide.

Linking with the current Science unit, ‘Wet and Dry Environments’, students will sing, play and move to songs and rhymes using body percussion, percussion instruments, vocal sounds and objects from the environment. They will create a rainforest soundscape using picture symbols to record their ideas (graphic notation), improvise melodies and devise a performance.

Homework
Homework will begin in Week 2. Please check the term overview, which is glued into the homework books, for an outline of the homework tasks.

General Information
All Year 2 students have been participating in the School Swimming Scheme which runs for the first two weeks of term. Participating students need to bring their swimming equipment (swimmers, cap, towel) every day, as the program runs daily regardless of weather.

We again ask that you check and replenish your child’s stationery supply on a regular basis. All students need lead pencils, a ruler, scissors, an eraser, a pencil sharpener and a set of coloured pencils. We would also appreciate every student bringing in two glue sticks this term.

Diary Dates
22 November: Swimming Carnival
11 December: Presentation Day
13 December: K-2 Festivity Day at school
18 December: Last day of School