

# St Albans East Primary School

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## Year 1/2 Newsletter Term 2, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Term 2. We are excited to welcome back students to what is going to be a fun and productive term. Below is a brief run-down of what students will be learning throughout the Term 2.

### **English – Reading**

In reading, students will be learning a range of comprehension strategies including:

- Making predictions – where students use their own knowledge and experiences to make predictions about what a text might be about;
- Making connections – students make connections between events in a text to their own experiences (text to self-connections) as well as to other texts (text to text connections);
- Summarising and retelling the main events in a text.
- Making inferences – using clues from the text and their own knowledge to understand the inferred meaning.



### **English – Writing**

In writing, students will be learning to:

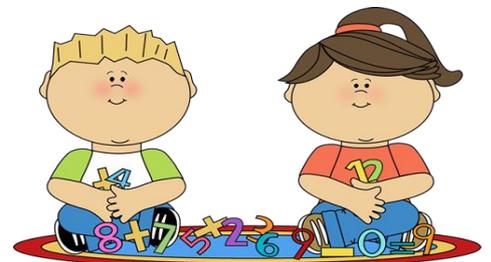
- Write simple recounts and descriptions;
- Write information texts focussing on autobiographies and biographies.
- Incorporate correct punctuation and grammar including the use of capital letters, full stops, question and exclamation marks in their writing.

### **Mathematics**

Our learning focus throughout Term 2 will be:

#### **Number and Algebra**

- Counting collections of objects;
- Addition – counting on, number facts, double facts etc.
- Subtraction (counting back and making connections between addition and subtraction).



#### **Measurement and Geometry**

- Time – telling time to the hour, half hour, quarter past and to the hour;
- Length – using formal and informal units to measure, order and compare the length of various objects;
- 2D shapes and 3D objects – identifying the features of 2D shapes and 3D objects and making connections between the two.

## Integrated Studies

Our unit for Integrated Studies throughout Term 2 is 'Our Community – Past and Present'. Throughout this unit, students will explore the community of St Albans and how it has changed throughout the years as well as local people and places of significance. Students will also look at how families have changed over time and the differences and similarities in current and past family life.



## Homework

Homework will be given to students each **Monday** and is to be returned to their classroom teacher on **Friday**. It is important that students complete the set tasks to the best of their ability and that you continue to encourage and praise your children on their efforts in completing it.

## Reading at Home

It is important that students read each night and we encourage you to listen to your child read and sign their Reading Log. Please note that books are changed on a weekly basis. Please ensure that your child returns their Take Home books in their blue book bag each week so they can borrow new books.

## Attendance

**EVERY DAY COUNTS** - Unless they are sick, your child is expected to attend school every day. It would be appreciated if you could notify our front office on (03) 9366 2071 if your child will be away due to illness.

## Lunches at the Office

Throughout Term 1 there has been a significant increase of lunches being dropped off at the front office for students. We ask parents to support us in developing a culture of wellness at school and reinforcing nutrition education messages from teachers. Students are expected to bring their lunch in a lunchbox or purchase lunch at the canteen so students develop independence and lifelong healthy eating habits. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## Administration

It is important that should the need arise, we are able to contact you via telephone. If your contact details have recently changed and have not been updated in our records, please contact the office as soon as possible to update your details.

Should you wish to speak with your child's teacher, please contact our office to arrange a suitable time.

Kind Regards,

Year 1/2 teachers: Ms Di Natale, Ms Stefanidis, Ms Dimitrijevic, Mrs Tran, Ms McCallum and Mrs Gooderham.

