

# YEAR 1 BULLETIN

## *TERM 4 - Week 2*

### **IMPORTANT:**

The Dome area of the playground next to the grade 1 classrooms is off limits to the children due to the construction works, being prepared and conducted this week, and throughout the term. Please be mindful when on the school grounds outside of school hours and remember to encourage your children to play safely in other areas of the school yard. For more information please see the school newsletter available online.

### **This week we have been learning about...**

#### **WRITING**

This week we have continued to identify the importance of punctuation including question marks, exclamation marks and full stops to better develop our sentence structure. We used these skills in conjunction with our creative writing skills to develop stories focusing on narratives including the 3 P's (People, Place and Problem) used in their writing workshop earlier this year. We also began to use our High Frequency Words to create full sentences to help aid our writing skills. As we now venture into a focus on our community, the final aspect of our design, we will better our creative writing and construction of descriptive language and develop a wider vocabulary that helps the students understand roles and responsibilities in the community as well as their own.

#### **MATHS**

Throughout this week we have continued working on open ended problem solving strategies. This week we continued our focus on patterns in time and what events we can classify as morning, afternoon and evening, as well as developing addition and subtraction strategies. We have also begun to help children better read time in an analog format to the hour and half hour.

#### **INVESTIGATIONS**

Recently we have changed our approach to Investigations which brought about new and interesting conversations. We have, as a cohort, decided to develop some of the areas. We have introduced two new areas to Investigations to provide stimulation and prompt new conversations, curiosity and open ended thinking. We will endeavour to improve the areas and listen to student voice to enhance our investigative experiences.

### **IMPORTANT:**

We would like to invite parents into our Investigations sessions (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9.30-10.30) to assist in specific areas that require extra guidance and support. This is to allow for deeper understanding and a clearer focus for the children, when investigating in these areas. If you would like to put your hand up to come and assist, please write your name on the roster outside of Pauline's classroom. We would like 3-4 volunteers per session. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

## **What you can do at home:**

Some parents have been asking how they can assist with improving their child's maths skills at home. Little things such as counting things around the house, forming and counting groups (2's, 5's and 10's) will all help your child to better develop their counting. Asking them to tell the time on an analog and digital clock is also a fantastic way to aid the learning they are doing in school.

## **Some housekeeping:**

### **Lateness**

Just a reminder that school starts promptly at 9am. Please ensure that your child is at school before this time so as to make sure they do not miss vital information for the day. Any children that are late **MUST** be signed in by their parent or guardian at the front office and a yellow late card provided to the classroom teacher.

Any child who is late to assembly needs to enter the MPC through the Health and Wellbeing Centre. This allows for less distraction and interruption of the assembly proceedings from the front of the room.

### **Tissues**

We are running low on tissues. All and any are welcome. Thank you to those who consistently bring in their supplies.

### **Playdoh**

We would really appreciate if there is any parents who could please make some natural coloured playdoh for our cafe area of Investigations. The children love making food with it and it is great for developing their fine motor skills. Thank you to those who have already made donations.

### **Crazy Camel Fundraising Art**

Students have been working on an art piece for you to use to order a variety of items with the art on them. The students should have already brought home the hard copy forms. Parents must return all order forms and make payment via QKR by midnight on Tuesday October 24. Please send all order forms to the office.

### **Donations for Nature Garden**

We are looking at finding more resources for our nature garden to allow for students to create animal sizeable habitats for animals through the information learnt last term. To better enhance this experience we are asking parents for donations of materials that you think could be used. Some suggestions that have been given are logs, branches and big beautiful leaves. Please feel free to ask the staff for other suggestions.

### **Sunsmart Reminder**

As the weather is starting to warm up, we remind parents to be vigilant about sunsmart. Students should have their shoulders covered at all times. Our uniform caters for that but on free dress days

please ensure that students are in appropriate clothing for the weather. UV rays are still quite high on overcast days. Students are encouraged to bring sunscreen and apply before going out to play or PE lessons. Please also remember drink bottles so that students can drink water freely during class.

### **Our goals for this term:**

#### ***The Armadale Primary School Values***

As members of Armadale Primary School and the wider community we encourage our children to value many aspects of the classroom, school and surrounding environments. With the school values we endeavour to encourage our children to value:

- Learning
- Kindness
- Respectfulness
- Honesty
- Excellence

In the coming weeks we will be focusing on 'Respectfulness' and how we value this in our community. A small presentation will be given at assembly 14th November (TBC) to showcase the learning the students have done in understanding how the school values 'Respectfulness'

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### **Friday 20th October**

Yoga Sessions Begin (Please wear sport uniform)

#### **Thursday 26th October**

Final Drama Workshop

#### **Wednesday 25th October**

Hip Hop Dance Workshop

The final Hip Hop Workshop (8th November) will be a showcase. Parents are welcome to attend that class to see the funky dance moves the children have learnt. Times are as follows

9-9.40: 1P and 1C

9.40-10.20: 1K and 1Z

#### **Friday 17th November**

The Sousaphonics Performance

**Bring on week 3, enjoy your weekend!**

**The Year 1 Team**