

# YEAR 1 BULLETIN

## Dates to Remember

- Tuesday 14th November  
- Grade 1 Respectfulness Showcase
- Wednesday 15th November  
- Yoga Make up session
- Friday 17th November - The Sousaphonics Performance (Parents welcome to attend)
- Wednesday 22nd November  
– Resilience Workshop
- Friday 1st December - Swimming commences (more details to come)

## Expressions of Interest

We would like to invite parents into the classroom to assist in working with small groups of children. If you are interested, please talk to your classroom teacher for times and for further information. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered.

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

### Writing

This week we have continued to focus on creating literary texts imaginatively using drawing and writing. Their inspiration has been encouraged through talking about what Melbourne Cup day means to them and how they will celebrate their day off. Some children were inspired to create a narrative about a horse that wins the race, others wrote about how they will be spending their time. It's great to use these writing opportunities to see how far the students have come in the past 10 months.

### Maths

This week we continued our focus on developing addition and subtraction strategies through open ended problems, which we can use to solve these. By using a reading to talk about different methods of sharing, we were able to come up with various problem solving strategies through a fun and engaging conversation within a popular book. We will be starting to focus more on mapping and direction in the coming weeks and what patterns we can see/hear when we talk about this topic.

### Investigations

Investigations has proven to be such a vital time for students to showcase their talents and abilities through a different method of learning. This week we have seen some substantial growth in abilities to problem solve and navigate through areas and their focus'. In the research hub this has been quite prevalent as the students have extra assistance to appropriately choose research articles online to answer their wondering.

### Important

We would like some parent assistance during our Investigations sessions (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9.30-10.30) to assist in specific areas that require extra guidance and support. If you would like 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.

A big thank you to Danielle (Amelie 1P) and Michelle (Gabriella 1P) who assisted on Friday and Monday. Their help was very valuable in adding to the experience for the children investigating in the Research Hub. Very much appreciated!!!

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## What you can do at home....

Please remember to read with your child every night, at least 20 minutes. It is important at this stage of the year that they continue to work on not just their phonemic understanding of words but their complete comprehension of what they are reading, the meaning and the message in the text. By reading every night, this helps enhance this understanding and compliments the guided reading we do in the classroom. Remember to pose questions after reading the text to consolidate reading.

## Interesting Reads....

The ability to read is essential for daily life, but it has the potential to be so much more than functional. This article describes what a good reader sounds like and looks like, and what we can do to help build and support strategies that we are teaching the students to become brilliant readers.

[https://brightonps.sa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/reading\\_parent\\_brochure.pdf](https://brightonps.sa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/reading_parent_brochure.pdf)

## Hip Hop Showcase...

Thank you to all of the parents who came and watched the students perform the 5 dances they have learnt over the 6 weeks of Hip Hop. They have thoroughly enjoyed this experience and it has presented with a vast range of benefits.



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## Some Housekeeping....

### Library Bags

Please remind the students to bring their library bags on Friday's. We have had a number of children not bring their bags, and therefore have missed out on borrowing. The other downside to not bringing library bags is the children's reading books do not get changed. As mentioned in this bulletin, reading with your child at home is vital so to ensure that this is continued, students do need to change their take home books to experience a range of different texts and help develop them as readers.

### Lateness

We are still having issues with lateness, especially on a Tuesday morning during assembly. Assembly is also an important part of our school and the children's learning. 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. You must walk your child to class. 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.

### Donations for Nature Garden

We require more resources for our nature garden to allow for students to create animal habitats. To better enhance this experience we are asking parents for donations of materials that could be used. Some suggestions that have been given by the children 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.