

Year 1 Bulletin

Term 1 Week 2

The great start to the year has continued with all of us getting used to our classrooms, teachers, daily organisation and discovering things about each other.

The children have become used to the morning routine and are learning to take more responsibility for their own belongings. This is important to the grade 1 cohort as we are incorporating how we learn, with a focus on learning dispositions, to encourage our children to think positively, to be confident, to try new things and take risks.

Investigations begin this week!

With the children bringing so many new ideas and wonderings to the grade 1 forum we have collated all of these and are beginning to design their learning spaces for Investigations. There will be a focus child class schedule sent home and we will be encouraging the children to bring in something to share about themselves.

Investigations offers children opportunities for high order thinking. We will explain this further in next week's bulletin.

Our enduring understanding:

'Understanding ourselves and others helps us to become better learners'.

We have begun unpacking our unit of inquiry by starting off with an All About Me poster to represent who we are and what we are interested in. Our maths focus has been on collecting, recording and analysing data based on our birthdays and eye colour. The children have made many connections through their discoveries. In writing the focus has been on planning and composing a memory to share. Some of the books we have read this week are: 'Clive Eats Alligators', 'The Dot' and, 'Charlie and Lola: I Will Not Ever Never Eat A Tomato'.

Important dates to remember:

Drama workshops Tuesday 13th February (5 week program) Between 9am- 12:30pm (Class times will vary)	Meet the Team Night Tuesday 13th February @ 6pm to 7pm in 1Z
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Just a few tips:

1. Compass attendance

Please make sure that you have the Compass app and that if your child is absent, this must be logged into the app as soon as possible so your child's teacher is aware. Furthermore, APS policy states that your child must be in the classroom by 9:00am or

they will be marked late. If you are late, you must sign your child in at the office and provide their teacher with the yellow late slip. The same goes for picking up your child from school early. Please sign them out at the office and provide the yellow slip to their teacher.

2. Fruit, snack, lunch and water bottle

We encourage the children to eat fruit/vegetable snack, morning recess snack and their lunch every day so please make sure to provide these in a manageable sizes (large fruit to be sliced or cut up) and in appropriate containers with your child's name clearly marked. The children usually have their fruit/veg snack during the 2 hour morning period. Can you please ensure that this is in a small manageable container and not in their main lunch box. This is to be a little nutritious snack that the children can have during work time. We also encourage that all students have their own water bottle for the classroom.

3. Specialist timetable

The specialist timetable (PE, Italian and The Arts) will commence this week.

DAY	PE*	Italian	The Arts**
Monday	1Z	1G	1K
Tuesday	1K	1Z	1G
Wednesday	1G	1K	1Z

*Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for PE with correct and comfortable uniform and sports shoes/runners. They must wear their school hats for recess, lunch and PE for Term 1 and Term 4 as per school policy.

**All children must have an art smock for The Arts classes. Smocks should be clearly labelled with your child's name and will be kept in the classroom to be used during these lessons.

4. Library times

The Library day for all year 1's is Thursday so please make sure that your child's red library bag/satchel is in their school bag on this day. This is also the day that your child will be changing their **Take Home books**. We encourage all the children to borrow every week. Borrowing offers your child an opportunity to delve deeper into what interests them and provides an opportunity for them to make choice son what they would like to take home to share with you...

5. Communicating with the teachers

We ask that you please email your child's teacher with any questions or queries you may have about the classroom, the children or the school. All detail are easily accessed on the Armadale Primary School website <http://www.armadaleps.vic.edu.au/>

We hope you enjoy your week!

The Year 1 Team.