

YEAR 1 BULLETIN

Dates to Remember

- Friday 3rd November - Yoga Session
- Monday 6th November - SCHOOL AS USUAL
- Tuesday 7th November - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday (No School)
- Wednesday 8th November - Hip Hop Dance Workshop Showcase (9-9.40 1P and 1C, 9.40-10.20 1K and 1Z)
- Wednesday 15th November - Yoga Make up session
- Friday 17th November - The Sousaphonics Performance (Parents welcome to attend)
- Friday 1st December - Swimming commences (more details to come)

Important: The Dome area of the playground next to the grade 1 classrooms is off limits to the children due to the construction works 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 focus on creating literary texts imaginatively using drawing and writing. Their inspiration has been encouraged through thinking about what our school values (Respectfulness, Excellence, Honesty, Kindness, Learning) and what this means to the children. We have also reflected upon our school logo and how this represents us. The children analysed the school logo and ways in which it could be changed or updated to ensure it was relevant, interesting, memorable, simple and appealing to our school.

Maths

This week we continued our focus on developing addition and subtraction strategies through open ended problems, and strategies in which we can 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.

Investigations

On Monday we had some very inquisitive learners in investigations, persisting through many areas to investigate their focus for the day. After speaking with some children we have found that our helpers during this time are really assisted children with their focus, with most saying that they had approached a parent for help and had been given a clearer path for their inquiry.

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 Kate (Daniel 1C) and Catherine (Julian 1P) who assisted on Monday. Their help was very valuable in adding to the experience for the children investigating in the Research Hub and in the writing area. Their assistance and guidance to develop some amazing stories, inspiring our young writers to delve into their ideas, and typing them onto word. Very much appreciated!!!

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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.

What you can do at home....

Model: Demonstrate a positive attitude and good work habits to your child

Conversation: Talk with your child about what they are learning at school. Try to ask questions that promote answers other than 'good' e.g. What was something new you learnt today?
Praise your child for their effort and persistence when they are reading

Assist: Help your child to learn how to deal with distractions and to re-engage with their work
Help your child and encourage them to keep trying if they lack confidence or doubt themselves.
Common things children say when they lack confidence could include: "I don't know how to do that", "I can't remember", "It's too hard" and "It's boring".

Interesting Reads....

We often have children in our classrooms that are very capable but are too hard on themselves. This article helps us understand why children might be saying or feeling certain things and how we can identify and assist children to feel positive about themselves and their learning. Have a read!

<https://childmind.org/article/how-to-help-kids-who-are-too-hard-on-themselves/>

Our goals for this term: *The Armadale Primary School Values*

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 to showcase the learning the students have done in understanding how the school values 'Respectfulness'

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Some Housekeeping....

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. 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. It also allows your child the time to settle in before the classroom day begins. 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.

Fun Run Money

We would like to encourage children to still seek sponsors for our Fun Run. The PFA have done such a fantastic job, along with Peter, in organising a very successful event. The children all worked really hard to beat their personal goal and we are all very proud of them.