



Stage 1 Term 3 Newsletter 2024

Welcome to Term Three. We have already had a fantastic start and look forward to the busy and exciting term ahead. Classroom activities this term will involve the following:

English

Speaking and Listening

- Week 1: What I did during the holidays
- Week 2: What it means to have good sportsmanship (PDHPE)
- Week 3: Would you rather live in the present or the past? (History)
- Week 4: My favourite book and why?
- Week 5: Design a small sculpture out of foil. Explain your design to the class. (Science)
- Week 6: Pocket Surprise
- Week 7: Places in my neighbourhood that are linked to the past (History)
- Week 8: How we use technology in our homes today compared to when my parents were growing up (History)
- Week 9: Pocket Surprise
- Week 10: Free Choice

Please assist your child to plan their speech. It might be a good idea to write it down on small cards or in a book. Practise at home a few times before presenting this speech to the class. A gentle reminder for parents to not write their child's news.

Mathematics

In all aspects of Mathematics, emphasis is on **conceptual understanding**, language and practical activities that enable children to explore numbers and their relationships. In line with this multiplication, division, time, area and volume and capacity will be explored.

History: The Past in the Present

Throughout Semester Two, the students will learn about the history of the school, its buildings and sites in Hunters Hill. The students will also identify examples of changing technologies in their home and/or community and discuss the similarities and differences as compared to technology from the past. Later on in the semester the students will have an opportunity to visit Vienna Cottage and The

Hunters Hill Town Hall to further consolidate their understanding of the concepts explored in this topic.

If any parent/ family member would like to contribute to this unit, please email your class teacher. You may be a local historian or have a family member who attended the school or who has lived in the local area for a long time.

Science: Material World

This term, Stage 1 will focus on the strand 'Material World'. This unit focuses on how materials can be changed, manipulated, and combined. Students have the opportunity to develop a design solution demonstrating the suitability of materials for a purpose. Stage 1 of this strand develops students' understanding of the properties of materials and their uses.

To assist the students in this investigation, all students are encouraged to bring in any materials with interesting textures or made from unusual materials. Some of the materials could include: (please make sure materials are clean and free from any sharp edges)

- Resources - rubber bands, tissue paper, paper, cardboard, straws, pipe cleaners, plastic bottles, CDs, rocks, carpet, fabric, cotton wool, metal, cans, sandpaper
- Paper – toilet paper, tissue, writing paper, cardboard
- Rubber – rubber band, rubber on shoes, eraser, rubber ball
- Fabric – leather, wool, vinyl, cotton
- Metal – aluminium can, foil, steel can
- Wood – wooden block, paddle pop stick

Physical Education

Stage 1 classes will engage in dance classes with Footsteps. All students are to wear their sports uniform on Mondays.

HHPS School NAIDOC Week: Week 1

HHPS will commemorate NAIDOC Week during the first week back. Throughout the week students will engage with a range of different activities and lessons. On Thursday, 25 August, students will participate in hands-on activities including sport, art, music and food. We will also have a whole school assembly that morning from 11:40 am -12:10pm. Parents and families are welcome to attend.

Crazy Hair/Hat Day: Week 2 Thursday 1, August

The P&C are throwing a 'Crazy Hair/Hat' day to raise funds in preparation for the HHPS Family Fun Afternoon in Week 10 Friday, 27 September. More information to follow.

Education Week Activities: Week 3 Wednesday, 7 August

Grandparents and families are invited to HHPS for our annual Education Week celebration day. This event will include a classroom visit to see the student's amazing work from throughout the year, an 'Art trail' through the school and a 'Grandparents and Friends' morning tea in the Figtree playground and our annual book Fair. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic rug and treats. The event will begin at 10:00am.

K-2 Gala Sport Afternoon: Week 8 Wednesday, 11 September.

All students are to come to school dressed in their sports uniform. More information regarding this event will be provided closer to the date.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge closes on Friday, 23 August. Log in to the PRC website to log in the books that you have read. Remember K-2 only must have read 30 books. This is super easy to do!

Equipment

As most equipment from Semester One has run out, please ensure that your child has

- **Paper towel (to be provided by the boys)**
- **Glue sticks (2 per child)**

Thank you to all parents for your continued support.

We look forward to a great term!

Regards,

Stage 1 Teachers