

1M Newsletter

Term 1 2017



Welcome to 1M. We have had a great start to the year and the children have settled well. We have been reconnecting with our friends from Prep and are lucky to have some new faces in our class that we have been making very welcome.

Timetable:

Below are the days that we will be having specialist subjects.

- Monday—Music and Library
- Tuesday— Indonesian
- Wednesday— Craft and P.E
- Thursday— Art

Please ensure that your child is wearing suitable shoes for P.E on Wednesday and has their library book in school to exchange on a Monday. We will also be doing PMP once a week, date to be confirmed.

Homework

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents of 1M for reading with your children in the evenings and recording it in the home reading record. Daily home reading is very important for developing a child's skills and confidence and you are really making a difference to their education by doing this. I also thank those of you that are taking the time to support your child to read or spell their MI00W colour words. Tracey and I are already pleased to see children moving through the colours.

Below is a list of the sounds that we will be learning on each week for the rest of the term. We are looking at these sounds at the beginning, middle and ends of words. To support us with this you could help your child to find objects around the home to bring in to school that contain the sound of the week. For example when doing the m sound they could bring a **map**. Some **jam** or a **tomato**. You could also help them to find words in their reading books that contain that sound, write them in a list and bring it to school to share.

Week beginning 6th March— c, ck, k

Week beginning 13th March— a

Week beginning 20th March —t

Week beginning 27th march— i

Spelling Mastery

In week 6 we will begin our Spelling Mastery program. This is a structured spelling program that takes place for half an hour 3 times a week. The children have been assessed and will attend a group that is at the right level for them. All groups will take place in either our classroom or 2M which is the classroom next door to us.



Swimming

Week 4 was a busy one with the whole school attending swimming lessons at PARC in Frankston. It was a very tiring week but I was so proud of the perseverance and responsibility the children of 1M showed throughout the week.

Inquiry Topic

Our Inquiry topic this term is ourselves and our community. We have been talking a lot about important people in our lives. We worked with a partner to use plasticine to make figures of important people in our community. On the front of this newsletter are some pictures of the children's work.

Uniform

We would appreciate all families having a focus on sending children with correct school uniform please.

Correct colours are: Short and long sleeved polo-shirt- maroon with navy collar and gold trim, gold printed logo.

Makeup and nail polish are not permitted at school. In cases where a student presents with makeup or nail polish, it will be washed off or removed.

Hair must be of natural colour and kept neat and tidy at all times. *If hair is longer than shoulder length, it should be tied up for safety reasons.*

Track suit pants and long sleeved tops are not considered appropriate to be worn under summer dresses. Likewise, long sleeved tops are not considered appropriate to be worn under short sleeved polo tops or shirts.

Leggings are not a substitute for track pants.

Should you require assistance with school uniform, please contact Val on 59 754011. Our uniform shop is open from 2.45pm on a Monday afternoon. Val will follow up if your child is out of uniform.

Attendance

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Every Day Counts.....Attending school every day sets a child up for life as it teaches perseverance and responsibility. Children who attend each day are also more connected...

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future. We know from research that attendance and outcomes correlate. We cannot teach children who are not at school so please make sure they attend everyday unless ill.

Lateness

Many children are late each day and this causes disruption to teachers and other children in the class. Being late increases anxiety levels and can cause major problems settling in for the day. We ask that your children are at school by 8.50am for **inside** instruction to begin promptly at 9.00am. The first part of the morning throughout the school is a critical component of the day....being late is very disrespectful to the class and the teacher. We will be monitoring lateness and contacting parents if necessary.

Many thanks for your support with this....

We are looking forward to a great year.

Kind regards,

Anna, Sarah and Tracey