

WHAT'S ON IN 2 M

Term 1

Important Dates

Monday 13th March

Labour Day

Tuesday 14th March

Student Free Day

Friday 17th March

Harmony Day

National Day Against
Bullying

Wednesday 22nd March

School Disco

Monday 27th March

Assembly

Wednesday 31st March

Last Day of Term (for
students) - finish at
2:30pm

Monday 17th April

Easter Monday

Tuesday 18th April

1st day of Term 2

Welcome to 2017! It has been a fabulous start to the year. I certainly missed the faces of all the children over the long Summer break and have enjoyed hearing about all of their adventures over the holidays. The first few weeks were spent reinforcing our school values of Responsibility, Kindness, Perseverance, Honesty and Cooperation. All students enjoyed contributing their thoughts and ideas and have a good understanding of each of the values. They have all earned their "Values Licence" and have been earning tokens when demonstrating these values. The tokens are collected and then taken to the Token Shop on Friday where they can spend them. Please ask them about the values to see what they are able to tell you.

Student Management Policy

There are still quite a number of Student Management Policy notices that have not been returned. If you could please read them, sign them and return them to myself or the office that would be greatly appreciated.

Mathletics and Reading Eggs

We have commenced using Mathletics and Reading Eggs at school. Mathletics assists the students ability in all areas of maths through the use of interactive activities at their own pace. Reading Eggs is a reading program which assists students reading through phonics, repetition and fun, interactive games. Each student has their own Username and Password for each program. They were given a copy of this to bring home last week so they can log on to the programs at home. They can both be



accessed on computers and iPads. If you have not received your child's username and password please see me and I will give you another copy.

Healthy Habits

Please ensure that your child has at least one piece of healthy food each day to eat during Brain Food time. This could be a piece of fruit, veggie sticks, cheese or yoghurt. We are very fortunate to have a water purifier in our classroom which students are welcome to help themselves to at any time during the day. They are encouraged to drink this rather than juice or cordial as water is absorbed by the brain much faster.

Readers

Please try to continue to listen to your children read over the holidays. Quite often students can regress if they don't continue to practise the skills they have recently learnt. Students are being encouraged to approach you and ask you to listen to them read. If this occurs please embrace the opportunity to share this with them. They are all progressing well with their reading abilities and will be proud to demonstrate their successes to you.

Swimming

The students thoroughly enjoyed their swimming experiences at PARC recently. They were all excited to jump into the water in their clothing on the last day and hopefully they learnt some new skills or even simply gained confidence in the water. I was extremely proud of their behaviour, manners and interaction with the staff at PARC, the bus drivers and teachers. Well done to all of you for having their swimming bags beautifully organised each day too!

Specialists

Our specialist timetable is as follows:

PE - Monday 1:50-2:35

Music - Tuesday 9:00-9:40

Library: Tuesday 12:15-1:00

Craft: Wednesday 10:00-10:45

Indonesian: Wednesday 11:30-12:15

Art: Thursday 2:35-3:20

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 morning circle 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.

Regards,

Deanne Thompson

2M Classroom Teacher