



1/2 NEWSLETTER TERM 4, 2018

October 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back for the final term of 2018. Our year has passed so quickly.

Our Term 4 **Inquiry** unit is centred around the question ‘How has daily life changed over time?’ We will look at the similarities and differences between their daily lives compared to their parents’, teachers’ and grandparents’ lives when they were children. They will also explore different technology, entertainment and how school has changed over time. For **Science** our unit will focus on how everyday materials can be changed or combined with other materials for different purposes. During Term 4 Prep AH, 1/2 ND and 2/3 NM will be participating in **Guided Reading** sessions across the classrooms which target students’ needs. In these sessions, students will be working on a range of reading skills such as word decoding and comprehension strategies.

We will also begin to use “**Smiling Minds**” – a very effective program for helping with mindfulness and wellbeing. “Smiling Minds” is great for all people including school children, Teachers and Parents. “Smiling minds” has a range of learning tasks that fit into our Wellbeing curriculum here at school and it has a free App that could be used at home. If you’d like to have a look – please check this link for a short introductory clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sceq4mtZhjl> or have a look at the “Smiling Minds” website.

We’re looking forward to **Italian Day** next Thursday. Signora Nanos has some terrific activities planned to celebrate our knowledge of the Italian language and culture. All payments for Italian Day are due by 22nd October. More about Italian Day is in the Specialist newsletter.

Another exciting 1/2 event occurs next month – the **1/2 Dinner Disco!** On Thursday 22nd November, 1/2 students will come back to school at 5:00pm for an evening of games, activities and a yummy dinner! There is a cost of \$10.00 and the permission form is attached to this newsletter. If your child has special dietary requirements, please speak to your child’s teacher as soon as possible to arrange suitable alternatives.

Please read the attached Events Planner for other events 1/2 students will be involved in this term.

Term 4 **Home Learning** expectations continue each week. Students should complete daily reading, spelling practise using Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check at least 3 times a week, and one of the spelling activities outlined in the home learning rubric. A copy of the rubric is glued into the home learning book, another copy is attached to this newsletter. If students have questions about home learning, encourage them to see their teacher as soon as possible.

To prepare for 2019, students will participate in a **Transition morning** on Thursday, December 20th, where they will spend the morning with their new teacher and class for 2019. Students will also bring home a notice on this day to inform parents of their child’s 2019 teacher and classroom.

Term 4 is a **SunSmart** term so all students must wear a school hat for all outdoor activities. Students without a hat will not be able to participate in outdoor activities, which includes outside PE classes. Students without a hat will have to sit in the designated shade area during recess and lunch breaks.

If you would like to discuss any issue, please make a time to see me.

Kind Regards,

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- Attachments:**
- * Term 4 2017 1/2 Events planner
 - * Term 4 Home Learning Rubric
 - * Dinner Disco permission form
 - * Specialist newsletter

1/2ND SPECIALIST TIMETABLE Term 4

Music	THURSDAY, 1:30-2:30	Art	TUESDAY, 2:30-3:30
PE	MONDAY, 2:30-3:30 FRIDAY, 1:30-2:30	Library	WEDNESDAY, 2:30-3:30
Italian	THURSDAY, 2:30-3:30	Digital Investigation	MONDAY, 1:30 – 2:30



1/2 Events Planner Term 4 2018

EXCURSION/EVENT	VENUE	DATE/TIME	COST	PERMISSION NOTE REQUIRED
Whole School Italian Day	Watsonia PS	Thursday 25 th October	\$10.00	Yes, due 22 nd October
Pupil Free Day	Students not to attend school on this day	Monday 5 th November	No	No
Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday	Students not to attend school on this day	Tuesday 6 th November	No	No
'My Idol' dress up day – Yr 6 fundraiser Come dressed as your idol or hero.	Watsonia PS	Thursday 8 th November	Gold coin donation	No
1/2 Dinner Disco	Watsonia PS Hall	Thursday 22 nd November, 5:00pm - 7:30pm	\$10.00	Yes, due 2 nd November
Choir to perform at Watsonia Library	Watsonia Library	Tuesday 4 th December	No	No
Whole School Christmas Concert	Watsonia PS Hall	Wednesday 12 th December, 6:00pm – 7:30pm	No	No
Parent Helpers Morning Tea - Invitations to thank those parents who have helped in the school throughout the year.	Watsonia PS Hall	Thursday 13 th December, 11:00am	No	Invitations will come home with a reply slip to indicate your attendance
Prep – Year 3 Learning Showcase	Watsonia PS Hall	Friday 14 th December, 2:30 – 3:15pm	No	No
December Student Reports available on Compass	Compass	Thursday 19 th December	No	No
Whole School Transition Day Students spend the morning with their 2019 class and teacher. Letter at the end of the day to inform parents of child's 2019 class.	Watsonia PS	Thursday 20 th December, 9:00am – 12:30pm	No	No
Last day of Term 4	Watsonia PS	Friday 21 st December, early dismissal 1.30pm	No	No

Home Learning Planner

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Every week you are expected to complete the following:

- 1) Daily Home Reader
- 2) Look, Say, Cover, Write and Check of your spelling words (at least 3 times a week)
- 3) Choose one free choice spelling activity from the grid

CAN do:

If you wish to further extend your learning, you can also spend 20-30 minutes a few times a week completing some of the following activities:

- Reading Eggs (Your username and password can be found in your Home Learning book)
- Mathletics (Your username and password can be found in your Home Learning book)
- Practicing skip counting patterns or times tables.
- Free reading (Choose any books of your choice)

<p>Rainbow Letters Write your words in rainbow colours</p> 	<p>Across and Down Write your words across the page and down the page (just like a game of scrabble)</p> 	<p>Play Dough Words If you already have play dough at home, make your words out of play dough</p> 
<p>Bubble It Write your words in bubble writing</p> 	<p>Massage Words Spell your words on Mum or Dad's back (with your finger) and see if they can guess the word you are spelling</p> 	<p>Spelling Circles Draw a circle for every sound you hear in each word. Write the graphs, diagraphs and trigraphs in the circles</p>
<p>Type 'Em Type all of your spelling words on the computer. Use fancy fonts and colours if you want</p> 	<p>Fancy Writing Write your spelling words in fancy writing</p> <p><i>these</i> yours <i>a lot</i> because ALWAYS</p>	<p>Magazine art Cut out the letters to each of your spelling words from a magazine. Paste them down into your Home Learning book</p> 