



Grade 1/2SL Classroom Newsletter

Term 1 2019

February 2019

Dear families,

Welcome to the 2019 school year! I am very excited to begin my career of teaching after years of study, and cannot wait to work closely with the students of 1/2SL.

The 2019 specialist teachers are: Art & Music – Miss Emily Viney, LOTE Italian - Signora Rina Nanos and Physical Education – Mr Nicholas Lindsay.

For the first two weeks of the year we will be implementing our Quality Start Up program which develops confidence, respect and a positive learning environment for all. We will also be continuing the Smiling Mind program to develop mindfulness and awareness in the classroom. Alongside this, we will implement our literacy and numeracy programs.

Our Term One Inquiry unit is 'What makes a good game?' where students will investigate circus and fair activities and create their own for the school fair day. Students will work collaboratively to make their games/stalls appealing and engaging for other children and families to enjoy.

On **Wednesday 13th March** we will be having a **1/2 learning showcase**. All families are invited to visit the prep classroom between 9.15 and 10am to join in learning activities with the students. The focus of the showcase will be our inquiry unit where students have designed and created a school fair game.

Our Term One Science unit is 'The Weather' which is under Earth and Space science in the Victorian Curriculum. In this unit, students will get the opportunity to explore changes in weather patterns and how these changes can affect our behaviours.

Once again, this year Watsonia Primary School will be using the online Parent Communication Portal, **Compass**. Compass is used in many schools across Victoria and is available as an iPhone and iPad app and is also available to use through a standard web browser. This system helps streamline communication between Parents and Teachers by allowing online bookings for Parent Teacher Conferences, digital newsletters and easy access to student reports online and other feedback as required. Over the next 12 months we will be continuing to gradually implement different aspects of Compass and look forward to feedback along the way.

Home Learning tasks will be outlined in the Home Learning grid. Home Learning will be handed out on a Monday and your child will be expected to complete and submit their Home Learning every Friday. Home Learning will commence **Monday 11th February**. If you or your child requires clarification about Home Learning tasks, please contact me. We believe that students perform best when there is good communication between home and school. We are expecting the children to take responsibility for their own Home Learning.

Students are expected to wear their full school uniform with pride including school **hats** in terms one and four. If your child does not wear a school hat he/she cannot participate in all outdoor activities, which include play times and P.E. sessions. He/she will sit in a designated shaded area. It is very important that every student brings a water bottle to school each day especially in the warmer weather.

It is important for your child to arrive at school on time each day (8.50 am) and if your child is late to school he/she will be required to visit the office first to sign in and receive a late pass to give to their class teacher.

It would be greatly appreciated if all families could please send along a box of tissues to school as students use these on a daily basis. There will be occasions when you will receive notices to sign and/or money to pay for events. Please ensure that you return these by the due dates listed. Only electronic payments will be accepted at the office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school via Compass or email lyall.sarah.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

Kind regards,

Sarah Lyall

Attachments:

- Specialist Timetables (**Grade 1/2**)
- Events Planner
- Specialist Newsletters

Classroom Specialist Timetables:

1/2 SL:

Monday	Digital Investigation: 1:30pm till 2:30pm Library: 2:30pm till 3:30pm
Tuesday	Art: 2.30pm till 3.30pm
Wednesday	LOTE: 1:30pm till 2:30pm Music: 2:30pm till 3:30pm
Friday	Physical Education: 1:30pm till 2:30pm

Year 1/2SL Events Planner Term 1, 2019



EXCURSION/EVENT	VENUE	DATE/TIME	COST	PERMISSION NOTE REQUIRED
Parent/Teacher Interviews	In your child's classroom	Thursday 14 th February, at your appointment time	No	Yes, reply slip for you to nominate a preferred time slot.
Student leadership badge presentations to be held at assembly	Hall	Monday 25 th February, 9:00am	No	No
Out of Uniform Day – Grade 6 Graduation fundraiser	Watsonia PS	Thursday 28 th February	Gold coin donation	No
Labour Day public holiday	Students not to attend school on this day	Monday 11 th March	No	No
1/2 SL Learning Showcase - Come and celebrate our students' learning.	Room 5	Wednesday 13 th March, 9:15 – 10:00am	No	No
School Fair and Open Morning	Watsonia PS	Saturday 16 th March, 9.30am	Market stalls selling wares	No
Harmony Day - Sharing and celebrating our multicultural country and all its diversity	Watsonia PS	Thursday 21 st March	No	No
Lunchtime Movie in the Hall - Grade 6 Graduation fundraiser	Hall	Friday 29 th March	50c entry	No
Twilight Sports and Parents & Friends BBQ	Oval	Monday 1 st April, 5.00-7.00pm	No	No
Last day of Term 1	Watsonia PS	Friday 5 th April, early dismissal 2.30pm	No	No