



1/2 EP Newsletter – Term 1, 2020

February 2020

Dear Parents and families,

Welcome to the 2020 school year.

The 2020 specialist teachers are: Art & Music – Miss Emily Viney, and LOTE Italian - Signora Rina Nanos.

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. This will be followed by Wellbeing sessions focussing on The Zones of Regulation, Smiling Minds and Growth Mindset. In this time, I will be establishing routines for class learning and for in the playground. A reminder for parents to re-inforce at home, Grade 1 and 2 students playing chasey or hidey games will be asked to play these on the grassed area of the playground.

The Term 1 Inquiry unit is 'How we Grow' and is a History focused unit. The unit will develop students' understandings of changes over time both in their environment and in themselves.

The Term 1 Science unit is called 'Living Things'. It is an investigation into different animals to discover how they live and grow. We will investigate changes in the fish tanks and plants within the classroom, along with changes that our native animals undergo.

Home Learning tasks will be begin in **week three** and will be outlined in our Home Learning Grid. These tasks will be designed to extend your child's learning and where possible should be completed nightly. These will be sent home on a Monday and should return to school on a Friday. If you or your child needs clarification around this, please don't hesitate to contact myself before or after school. This will consist of home reading, spelling and writing activities.

Please ensure that students are wearing their **full school uniform** with pride every day to school. This also includes a **school hat** as per our school uniform policy. If students do not have a hat for playtime or P.E. lessons, they will be asked to sit in a designated shady area. Students will also require a water bottle and will be encouraged to take frequent sips throughout the day.

Please ensure students arrive at school on time and prompt for learning. Students should be in the school grounds and ready to line up when they hear the music. 1/2 EP will line up outside the canteen on the left (facing the main building).

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 EFT payments will be accepted at the office.

On **Friday 13th March** we will be having a **1/2 Learning Showcase**. All families are invited to visit Room 5 between 2:45 – 3:30pm to join in learning activities with the students. In this time 1/2EP will be displaying the learning they have completed throughout the term.

Attached to this letter is a **calendar of events** for Term 1. Please refer to this document to find out what activities students and families will be involved in this term.

If at any time during the year you have a query regarding your child, please feel free to make a time to see me. If you have something you wish to discuss in depth please make an appointment to respect both yours and my time.

This term, 1/2 EP will be sharing 'Show and Tell' during lunch eating time. To ensure all students have the chance to eat, we will have a time table to allow a student a day to share an item, memory or interesting story. At home, students and parents should organise an interesting item to share with the class.

'Show and Tell' will begin in week 3 to allow students the time to prepare. During week two, students will have the chance to share, if they have brought along an item, memory or interesting story. Please ensure you look at the timetable and know when your child is presenting.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	Hayden	Isotta	Evie	Lexi	Elijah
4	Christian K	Chloe	Georgi	Jeffery	Abhi
5	Charlotte	Leevi	Eric	Eden	Lily
6	Ronav	Christian	Hayden	Isotta	Evie
7	Lexi	Elijah	Christian K	Chloe	Georgi
8	Jeffery	Abhi	Charlotte	Leevie	Eric
9	Eden	Lily	Ronav	Christian	

I am deeply looking forward to this term of learning. 1/2EP has so much to learn! Let's start the term of with a bang but remembering **homework, hats, water bottles** and our correct **school uniform**.

Regards,
 Eli Phillips
 1/2 EP Classroom Teacher
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Attachments:

- Specialist Class Timetable
- Events Planner, Term 1 2020
- Specialist newsletter

1/2 EP Specialist Class Timetable

Specialist Class	Day & Time	Specific items required
PE	Friday afternoon	School hat, water bottle and suitable shoes for exercise.
LIBRARY	Friday afternoon	Library books and library bag.
DIGITAL INVESTIGATION	Friday afternoon	
ART	Thursday 2:30pm	Named art smock which we will keep at school for the year.
MUSIC	Tuesday 2:30pm	
LOTE ITALIAN	Tuesday 11:30am	



1/2 EP Events Planner, Term 1 2020

Excursion/Event	Venue	Date/Time	Cost	Permission note required
Student leadership badge presentations to be held during assembly.	Hall	Monday 2 nd March 9:00am	No	No
Out of Uniform Day – Grade 6 Graduation fundraiser	Watsonia PS	Wednesday 26 th February	Gold coin donation	No
Parent Teacher Interviews	Watsonia PS	Thursday 13 th February 3:30-8:30pm	No	No
Labour Day public holiday	Students not to attend school on this day	Monday 9 th March	No	No
1/2EP Learning Showcase - Come and celebrate our students' learning.	Room 7	Friday 13 th March, 2:45-3:30pm	No	No
School Fair and Open Morning	Watsonia PS	Saturday 14 th March, 10:00am	Market stalls selling wares	No
Harmony Day Sharing and celebrating our multicultural country and all its diversity.	Watsonia PS	Thursday 19 th March	No	No
Twilight Sports and Parents & Friends BBQ	Oval	Monday 23 rd March 5-7pm	No	No
Last day of Term 1	Watsonia PS	Friday 27 th March, early dismissal 2.30pm	No	No