



2/3 SA 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. Alongside this I will implement literacy and numeracy programs.

The Term 1 Inquiry unit is 'Groove Around the Globe' and is a Geography focused unit. The unit will develop student's understandings of major countries in Africa and South America, looking into the country's native animals.

The Term 1 Science unit is called 'Day and Night'. It is an Earth and Space themed unit focussing on planets and the earth's rotation.

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. If you or your child requires clarification about Home Learning tasks, please contact me. I believe that students perform best when there is good communication between home and school. I expect 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 Term 1 and 4. 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.

On **Friday 13th March** we will be having a **2/3 Learning Showcase**. All families are invited to visit Room 7 between 2:45 – 3:30pm to join in learning activities with the students. The focus of the showcase will our Inquiry unit where students have created a travel diary on what they have learnt about Africa and South America.

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. I am sometimes available before or after school to discuss urgent matters, otherwise please make an appointment time with me via Compass.

I look forward to a wonderful and productive year!

Regards,

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2/3 SA Classroom Teacher

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Attachments:

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

2/3SA 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	



2/3 SA 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
2/3SA 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