



GRADE 4-6 NEWSLETTER – TERM 1, 2020

February 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year, we are pleased to be back and look forward to working with you and your child. The grade 4 - 6 team for 2020 are:

4/5SA Miss Ingrid Noack Room 2

5/6SW Miss Shannon Wright Room 3

The Specialist teachers working with our team are: Miss Emily Viney-Music & Art, Signora Rina Nanos-LOTE Italian.

For the first two weeks of the year we will be implementing the **Quality Start Up** program which develops confidence, respect and a positive learning environment for all. Alongside this we will begin our Literacy and Numeracy programs.

Our Term 1 **Inquiry** learning unit is titled '*I Like to Move It!*' and has a focus on forces and toys that have moving parts. This ties in with our Science learning for Term 1 which will investigate Physical Science. Students will share their learning at our **showcase afternoon** on Friday 20th March, 2:45pm in our classrooms.

Home Learning will continue to be a weekly expectation in 2020. Home Learning activities will be based on classroom learning and follow the schedule that is in the students' home learning books. Grade 4-6 students will be expected to complete and submit their Home Learning by Friday every week. The Home Learning schedule outlines the tasks in detail but in summary, your child will be expected to read daily, complete the maths practise task and learn their set spelling words. It is of vital importance for students to read daily. Students can read books borrowed from their classroom, the school library or novels brought from home. Students will also be reading each day at school. Students are required to log their home reading progress on the Reading Log in the home learning book.

Grade 4 - 6 students are required to use a **school diary**. A school diary is a great organisational resource for writing in school events and reminders for home learning tasks. It is expected that students bring their diary to school every day. Please encourage your child to remember their diary every day so we can help them to develop good organisational habits.

There are number of key **events** that will occur in Term 1 including:

- selection of School Captains, S.A.Ms, House Captains, Library monitors, Arts Captain, ICT leaders and monitors, flag and chair monitors by the Grade 3-6 students and staff (students will record exact dates in their diary.)
 - Interschool sport competition
 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
 - Twilight Sports and P&F BBQ
 - Graduation fundraisers.
- Please refer to the **Events Planner** for further details.

All students will have the opportunity to audition for the School **Choir** which is conducted by Miss Viney.

Students are required to wear their **full school uniform** including school hats (in Term 1 & 4). Wearing the correct school uniform is an expectation of the Watsonia PS uniform policy and is an important way to demonstrate school pride and be a positive role model for the younger students of the school. As we are a **Sunsmart** school, if students do not wear a school hat, they cannot participate in outside activities, which includes recess/lunch breaks and outside PE sessions. Students without a hat sit in a designated shaded area - No Hat, No Play! A school hat is also required for Interschool Sport. Students should also bring a water bottle to school every day, particularly for PE and interschool sport.

Please remember that **school starts at 9:00am** each day. Arriving by 8:50am ensures your child is on time and ready for their day. If students arrive after 9:00am, they must visit the Office first to sign in and receive a late pass which they give to their classroom teacher.

All students are asked to provide 1 box of **tissues** for the classroom each term. Students should also bring an **art smock** to protect their clothing. Please send this to school by Monday 11th February.

Please check that all items of school uniform, especially jumpers and jackets are **clearly named**. Students are responsible for looking after their own clothing and when jumpers/jackets are named, they can be returned if lost. Grade 6 students should also ensure their awesome brand new Grade 6 jumpers are named.

If at any time during the year you have a query regarding your child, please make an appointment to see your child's teacher. During school hours, you can make an appointment through the office on 9435 2917 or by email.

Regards,

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Attachments:

- Events planner, Term 1 2020
- Specialist newsletter

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MONDAY	MUSIC, 11:30-12:30	MUSIC, 1:30-2:30
TUESDAY	LIBRARY, 1:30-2:30 CODING, 2:30-3:30	CODING, 1:30-2:30 LIBRARY, 2:30-3:30
WEDNESDAY	ART, 1:30-2:30 LOTE Italian, 2:30-3:30	LOTE Italian, 1:30-2:30 ART, 2:30-3:30
THURSDAY	PE, 10:00-11:00	PE, 1:30-2:30
FRIDAY	Interschool Sport, 9:00-11:00	Interschool Sport, 9:00-11:00

Grade 4 - 6 Events Planner Term 1 2020

EXCURSION/EVENT	VENUE	DATE/TIME	COST	PERMISSION NOTE REQUIRED
Interschool Sport – Grade 4-6 students	Home and away matches	Matches Friday mornings from 7 th February, 9:00 – 11:00am	\$25.00 bus cost for all away matches	Yes, one permission note to cover all away matches. Note & payment due by Friday 14 th Feb
Parent/Teacher Interviews	In your child’s classroom	Thursday 13 th February, at your appointment time	No	Yes, reply slip for you to nominate a preferred time slot.
Out of Uniform Day – Grade 6 Graduation fundraiser	Watsonia PS	Wednesday 26 th February	Gold coin donation	No
Student leadership badge presentations to be held at assembly	Hall	Monday 2 nd March, 9:00am	No	No
Labour Day public holiday	Students not to attend school on this day	Monday 9 th March	No	No
Scienceworks Excursion – exploring forces	Scienceworks	Wednesday 11 th March, 9:00am – 3:30pm	TBA	Yes, due by Friday 28 th February
School Fair and Open Morning	Watsonia PS	Saturday 14 th March	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
4 - 6 Learning Showcase - Come and celebrate our students’ learning	In classrooms	Friday 20 th March, 2:45 – 3:20pm	No	No
Twilight Sports and Parents & Friends BBQ	Oval	Monday 23 rd March, 5.00-7.00pm	No	No
Last day of Term 1	Watsonia PS	Friday 27 th March, early dismissal 2.30pm	No	No