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Week 7 - Term 1

Dear Families,

Room 2 Update – Lesia Phillips

Room 2 students have enjoyed a productive start to the year. We have developed classroom agreements, participated in getting to know you activities and learnt about having a growth mindset so we can learn and stretch our brains.

Maths

Daily Maths Chats have been incorporated into each Maths lesson. The students have been highly engaged in the interactive activities which allows for consistent review of foundation maths skills including counting, subitising, addition/subtraction and collecting and analysing data.

Literacy

This term the focus is on the literary recount 'Are We There Yet?' by Alison Lester. Students have looked at the structure of the text with a particular focus on the orientation. We used the process I see, I think, I wonder to look deeply at the front cover and the pictures in the text.

Water Safety

This week we have participated in Water Safety lessons at Noarlunga Swimming Centre. Students have learnt skills to stay safe in the water. All children have enjoyed these lessons and there has been amazing progress from everyone.

HASS

We have been learning about our place in the world. We enjoyed using Google Earth to identify the planet, country, state, city and suburb in which we live. It was exciting to find our school on the map too!



Safety and Supervision

We have many people who drop/pick up students each day and many have younger siblings also. Parents, could you please be mindful of other people using the playgrounds, footpaths and crossing by ensuring you can see your child/ren at all times? Also note that students are not permitted on the school grounds before 8:30am as there is no teacher on duty. If you need care for your child before 8:30am please contact OSHC. Thank you for helping us keep all our children, families and the community safe.

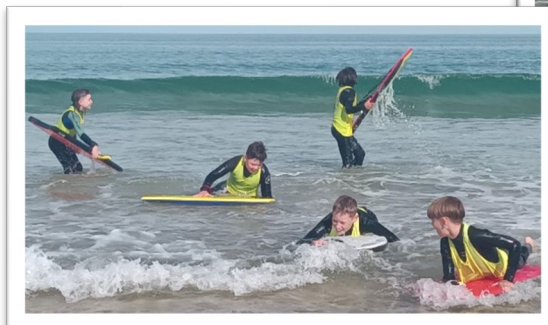
Term 1 - 2023 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- School Tour – Monday 20th March @ 6pm
- Governing Council Meeting – Monday 20th March @ 7pm
- Year 3-5 Water Safety – Monday 3rd April – Thursday 6th April
- Harmony Day Assembly – Friday 31st April
- Casual Clothes day – Thursday 6th April
- Good Friday - Friday 7th April
- Easter Monday - Monday 10th April
- Growth & Development Family Evening Session – Thurs 13th Apr
- Sports Day - Friday 14th April Including Special Lunch
- Last day of Term 1 – Friday 14th April - 2:15pm Dismissal



Aquatics

On Tuesday 14th March, our Year 6 students enjoyed a long day of Aquatic adventures at Port Noarlunga. Activities included snorkelling, kayaking and bodyboarding. The cohort was split into 2 groups, rotating through the activities. The weather was kind, with a lovely 27 degree temperature and the students had a fantastic time in the surf.



R-2 Water Safety

This week our Receptions, Year 1 and Year 2 students participated in Water Safety lessons at the Noarlunga Aquatic Centre. Water Safety lessons provide a program to engage, challenge and support students to become confident and safe in aquatic environments, develop skills and understanding directly related to water safety (survival and rescue skills), explore, evaluate and make sound decisions about their own safety, and the safety of others. The children were very enthusiastic all week and we had some very tired looking faces on Friday afternoon at the conclusion of activities. A great week was had by all.

Learning Conversations

Learning Conversations will commence Monday 27th through to Thursday 31st of March in Week 9. We all look forward to celebrating student achievements and setting learning goals for the rest of the semester. Bookings can be made via School Interviews:

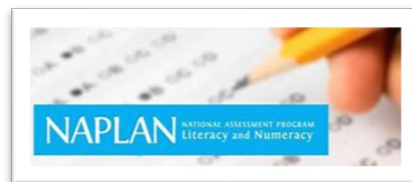
Go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/w835j> to book with your child/ren's teacher. Bookings will close Thursday 23rd March at 4pm.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN for our year 3 and 5 students continues this Tuesday and continues through until Monday 27th March.

If you wish to see the look and feel of the tests and types of questions, visit the online assessment [Public demonstration site](#).

Find past [NAPLAN paper tests and answers](#) on the ACARA website.



Kind regards

Paul, Jackie and Katharine