

M10 Class Newsletter – Term 1, 2021



Important Dates:

Monday, 25th Jan – Student Free Day

Tuesday, 26th Jan – Australia Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday, 9th Feb – Acquittance Night

Monday, 22nd Feb – Pupil Free Day

Monday, 8th Mar – Adelaide Cup PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Sunday, 21st Mar – Harmony Day

Friday, 26th Mar – Sports Day

Thursday, 1st Apr – Pupil Free Day

Friday, 2nd Apr – Good Friday PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday, 5th Apr – Easter Monday PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Term1 - Specialist Lessons:

Monday – Science with Ms Cochita

Tuesday – Physical Education (PE) with Ms Kirsty

Thursday – The Arts with Ms Chawla

Thursday – Library Borrowing

Dear Families,

Hello and Welcome to East Torrens Primary School, **Intensive English Language Program (IELP)**. This will be an exciting term as we have both Ms Kirsty and Ms Virginia team teaching in M10. Two teachers will allow explicit teaching according to your child's needs and ability. On Tuesday, Ms Kirsty will be taking Health and PE, so we will have Ms Olsson working with us.

We are all looking forward to teaching your child this year.

The first week of school will be busy as we establish our classroom routine and expectations, introducing our schools values of **Respect, Excellence, Empathy** and **Community** to develop a supportive classroom community to assist our learning.

Term 1 Overview:

English Language and Literacy will be our main focus in our lessons to further develop students English language vocabulary, writing structures and communication skills.

Our topic for this term is **'Me and My Family'**. Children will be engaging in a wide range of vocabulary to describe and explore more about themselves and their families.

In **English**, we will be learning the purpose, structure and language features of a recount and a description. We will be looking at different examples of writing and construct examples of spoken and written work collaboratively and independently.

Our **Spelling** program includes Jolly Phonics, Words their Way and Oxford Sight Words. These are used to teach letter sounds, names, digraphs, phonics, vocabulary and spelling rules to support students writing and reading. Words will vary according to student's individual needs. Below is the link for Jolly Phonics online site which demonstrates the English sounds that we work with. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ei0iFs5uF6w>



The **Grammar** focus will be linked closely to our theme, expanding on grammar knowledge of common nouns, proper nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives and circumstances of place and time.

Children will be involved in **Guided Reading** in small groups. Strategies to develop reading, comprehension and fluency will be explicitly taught. We will also visit the library once a week for children to borrow from a range of books.



In **Mathematics**, we will explore the concepts of number, patterning and place value, with the focus on the mathematical language and processes of counting and calculating.

We focus on fostering children's social and emotional learning to build their character and confidence. Discussions about friendship, safety, rights and responsibilities will be part of our **Child Protection** Curriculum.

You can access the Australian Curriculum online. <https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/parent-information/>

Things to remember:

Healthy Food – Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack, water and a healthy lunch every day.



Hats – “**NO HAT NO PLAY**” All students must wear the school bucket hat during playtimes in Terms 1, 3 & 4, and any other times of the year when the UV level is 3 or above. Children without hats are required to sit in the office area during playtime. Hats can be purchased from the office for \$10.

Absences – If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, please call the school on **(08) 83371411** or **SMS 0407949271**. If you need to take your child out for an appointment or early dismissal, please go to the front office to get a permission slip to bring to the classroom.

Reading Folders – To support your child, they will bring home a reading folder with a *reader*, a reading diary and a *sight words* book. We encourage you to support your child by listening to them read and practice their sight words each night.

For extra practice, all children can access *Reading Eggs* at home.

Library – We will visit the library once a week for children to borrow from a range of books. Please ensure your child is returning their library book each Thursday so they can borrow new ones.

Communication – We will be communicating via *ClassDojo* in M10 to share your child's learning and any important class information.

It has been great to see all the students coming back full of excitement and ready to learn and we are looking forward to another great term of fun and learning ahead.

Kind Regards,

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