

R14 Term 1, 2021



Dear Families,

Welcome back!

My name is Rebecca Graves and I will be teaching in R14 this year.

By week 3, students will have regular homework for reading, spelling, oral language and maths. They will receive their homework on Mondays and hand up their homework books on Fridays. The details of the homework will be in their homework book.

There are also some great programmes that students can use for extra practise. All students will be given log ins for Reading Eggs and Prodigy so that they can practise their reading skills at home. When they have their passwords set up I will send home a note, about how to access these programmes.

I will be using the 'SeeSaw' app for home-school communication. I will send you a QR code and instructions which will allow you to log in.

Please bring water bottles with water only. Please avoid juices, milk, iced tea or soft drinks.



Sun Safety; All students must wear the uniform 'bucket hat' to shade the face, neck and ears at all times, when outside, in terms 1, 3 and 4 and at any other time when the UV reading is 3 or above.



Can all students bring in their own set of headphones or earphones.

### Specialist Lessons

P.E - Tuesday Miss Kirsty

Science - Monday with Ms Conchita

The Arts - Thursday with Mrs Chalwa

Library - Friday

### Important Dates this term.

Acquaintance Night- Tuesday  
February 9<sup>th</sup>

Sports Day-Friday March 26<sup>th</sup>

Pupil Free Day - Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup>

Good Friday - April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Easter Monday- April 5<sup>th</sup>

Last day of term- Friday April 9<sup>th</sup>

We will be studying the following topics this term;

## Literacy

- Recount - Examine the purpose and structure of recounts. Build vocabulary around recounts and Australian habitats. Our focus will be on developing descriptive sentences.
- Explanation – Examine the purpose and structure of different types of explanations. Build vocabulary around explanations, plants and recycling.
- Word Study - The word study program we are using has been developed by Words Their Way; a word study program, which allows teachers to provide differentiated, and effective instruction in phonics, spelling, and vocabulary.
- Oral Language-Students will prepare and present a talk, each fortnight, on various topics. The timetable and list of topics will be in each student's homework book. It will start in week 3. Students are expected to practise the presentation for homework and be organised to present their talk on their assigned day.

## Maths

### Mapping

- Reading and constructing maps of the local area
- Learn about the compass points and how to give accurate, descriptive directions in English.
- Use scale to measure distances on maps

### Measurement

- Use equipment to measure temperature and length
- Solve problems using temperature and length.

### Data

- Conduct investigations using temperature and length.
- Display the findings of their investigations as graphs.

## Humanities and Social Sciences

- We will be learning about Australian habitats and the words used to describe them. We will be looking at different ways to look after our environment, such as recycling.

## Child Protection

### The Right To Be Safe

- We will look at our feelings that we experience when we feel unsafe and what we can do in those situations to keep us safe. We will also learn about keeping ourselves safe on the internet.