

M5 TERM 1

2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new school year. Our names are Carmela Zanin (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) and Chamila Chandrasena (Monday and Friday), and we will be your child's teachers this year.

Due to the ongoing pandemic we will continue to follow social distancing and good hygiene practices to stay safe.

We look forward to an exciting term working with you and your children.

Kind Regards,

Carmela Zanin

Chamila Chandrasena

DIARY DATES

ASSEMBLY:

Assembly is held on Friday mornings at 9am. Please refer to the School Newsletter for dates.

(Due to COVID-19 restrictions parents are NOT allowed to attend).

February:

Tuesday, 9th February – Acquaintance Night
Monday, 22nd February – Pupil Free Day

March:

Monday, 8th March – Adelaide Cup Day
Friday, 26th March – Sports Day

April:

Thursday, 1st April – Pupil Free Day
Friday, 2nd April – Easter Friday
Monday, 5th April – Easter Monday
Monday, 9th April – End of Term 1 (Early Dismissal)

(If there are any changes, we will update you.)

Things to Remember:

Library



Our Library/Resource Centre day is on Wednesday. The children will need to return and borrow their books on this day.

Blue Reading bags



These are used to take notes, communication, library books and reading books home. They need to be returned to school every day. Please check this regularly as there might be important notes for you to read and sign.

Communication



We will use ClassDojo app to communicate and share our learning with you. You will soon receive an e-mail invitation with the instructions.

Homework



Students need to practise reading every night. Please support your child by listening to them read and asking questions to help them understand the book they read. They also need to practise reading their Frequently Used Words and complete their maths activity.

Healthy Food



Children are expected to bring brain food (a healthy snack) for recess and a healthy meal for lunch.

Please send a water bottle with your child to drink throughout the day.

School Hats



All students must wear the school bucket hat at all times in Terms 1, 3 and 4, and any other times of the year when the UV level is 3 or above.

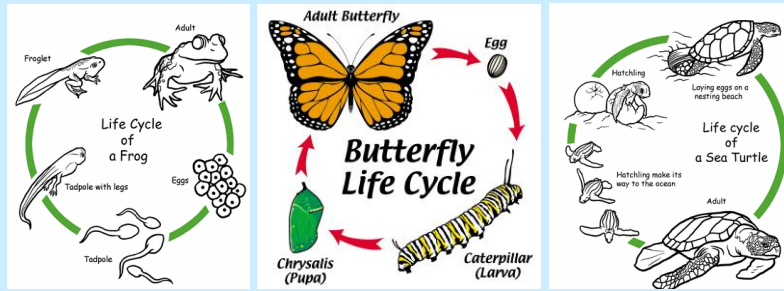
Please ensure all items sent to school are labelled with your child's name.

Absences

If your child is unwell, please SMS the school on **0407949271**. If you need to take your child out of the class for an appointment or early dismissal, please go to the front office and they will arrange your child to meet you at the front office.

Overview of Learning in Term 1

Our **topic** for this Term is **Life Cycles**. The children will be exploring and learning about different Life Cycles.



In **English** we will use our theme of Life Cycles to learn a range of vocabulary to support our learning about how to write an explanation. The children will learn the purpose, structure and language features of an explanation. We will collaboratively and independently construct examples of spoken and written explanations. They will also continue to learn how to write a recount.

Our grammar focus will be on present and past tense verbs, time and sequence words, nouns, proper nouns, and conjunctions.

Students will develop their **speaking and listening skills** through asking and responding to questions, Show and Share, and getting involved in play activities.

The **Spelling** program will include Jolly Phonics, Words their Way, Frequently Used Words, Topic Words and will vary according to students' needs.

Reading - Students will borrow their reading books once a week. They read the book at school and are expected to read it again at home.

In **Mathematics** students will be learning Number and Place Value – counting and calculating while focussing on mathematical language and problem-solving skills. We will also tell the time to the nearest minute, use am and pm, and solve problems involving time duration.

Show and Share – Term 1 Show and Share list will be given out to students. Show and Share helps students to develop their speaking and listening skills. Please support your child with their presentation.

Specialist Lessons – Students will have **Health & PE** specialist lessons with Mrs Kirsty O'Conner (Tuesday), **Science** specialist lessons with Mrs Conchita Claveria (Monday) and Dance specialist lessons with Mrs Sudesh Chawla (Thursday).

ChromeBooks – Students will be using Chrome Books to assist them with their learning.

There will be discussions on feelings, safety and warning signs as part of the **Child Protection** Curriculum.



We focus on our four **School Values** (**Respect, Excellence, Empathy and Community**) through class programs.

You can access the Australian Curriculum online.

<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/resources-and-support/parent-information>

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. Thanks. Carmela Zanin & Chamila Chandrasena