

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you had a relaxing holiday. Covid-19 is still continuing to create some stress amongst us. However, we are a resilient bunch of people and as a school community are getting used to the new social norm! We will continue to do social distancing and hand sanitising. We had our sports day last term for the first time without parents and our class hosted a successful virtual assembly last term. We will continue to have a fun filled learning experience in term 4.

Sunitha McCarey

## Specialist Lessons

**Science:** Ms. Conchita Claveria will teach Science two lessons a week on Tuesdays.

**Physical Education (PE) & Health:** Mr. Simon Scholz will teach PE on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**The Arts:** Mr. Simon Scholz will teach the Arts on Fridays.

**BSSO (Bilingual Student Support Officers):** Numerous BSSOs will be working to support the students every week.

## Other Information

**Library:** Library day will continue to on Monday. Every Monday students will go to the Library for Browse & Borrow. Students are encouraged to borrow books and take them home during this time.

**Chrome Books:** Each student will have the use of a Chrome Book (Google based Laptop).

**Homework:** Students will be bringing home a Reader. Please read this every day with your child. Apart from this students will also be bringing home spelling and maths activities.

**Blue Tartan Bag:** Each student has been given a Blue Tartan Bag. In side this bag there will be a Message Book, Take home Reader, Reading Record Book, homework pack and any notes that are sent home. Please make sure you check this bag. Students should bring this bag to school every day.

**Hats:** All students must wear the school bucket hat during playtimes in Terms 1, 3 and 4 and any other time when the UV index is 3 and above. We have NO HAT NO PLAY policy for this term. If the hat is lost, parents have to purchase a new hat. It costs \$8.

**Names:** Please **LABEL** all your child/children's belongings with your child's name and class number. This includes lunch boxes, drink bottles, school jumpers and hats. This will help the lost property system in our school to return their items back. Any items found without a name and not collected within a week will be donated to a charity organization.

## Term Overview

Our topic this term is Life Cycles. As part of this topic students will learn to write an Explanation Text. They will explore the life cycles of birds, mammals, reptiles, insects and plants.



## English

**Writing:** Students will be explicitly taught and modeled the purpose, structure and language features for writing an explanation. Students will be taught to use descriptive words (adjectives and adverbs), time sequence words and punctuation.

**Reading:** Children will be involved in Guided Reading at school in small groups where they will be explicitly taught strategies to develop reading, comprehension, grammar and punctuation. They will also be bringing home readers for practice. We will also be reading Big Books and other books related to our topic.

**Spelling:** Jolly Phonics and Words Their Way is used to teach students to learn to read and spell. Jolly Phonics teaches letter sounds, names and diagraphs. Words their Way teaches phonics, vocabulary and spelling instruction.



## Maths

This term's maths focus will be on Geometry and Measurement from the Australian Curriculum. In geometry we will be learning 2D and 3D shapes. In measurement we will be learning area, perimeter, capacity and volume. Number & Algebra will be taught throughout the year. This will include number sequence, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fraction. Students will be working according to their year level and abilities.



## Student Wellbeing

In East Torrens Primary School Student Wellbeing is very important. As part of it we will revisit our school Motto and Values of Empathy, Excellence, Community and Respect. Student voice will continue to happen during circle time. Student Voice will continue to happen during circle time. In Child Protection Curriculum we will continue our learning about Recognizing and Reporting Abuse.

## Important Dates

### Book Week Parade/Assembly

Week 2: Friday 23rd of October

### Pupil Free Day

Week 4: Monday 2nd of November

### Pupil Free Day

Week 6: Friday 20th of November

### School Closure Day

Week 7: Monday 23rd of November

### Colour Run Fundraiser Assembly

Week 8: Friday 4th of December

### Early Dismissal @ 2:00

Week 9: 11th of December