



Year 1 Term 3 Parent Update

Homework

Homework will be issued every Monday from Week 2 this term. It is to be returned to class every Friday morning. Homework should take approximately 20 – 30 minutes per day, no more. You will have information inside the homework books that come home, detailing the homework for each week (Monday – Thursday), to be returned on Friday morning to class.

Homework routines will include;

1. Daily reading for 10-15 minutes from the student's Home Reading book. This includes discussing the book with your child. 4 books will come home on Monday to read, one each night. **Parents need to sign and date the Home Reader Log Book every day.** Home reading should be easy and enjoyable. Students are regularly assessed in class and the level of home readers changed as appropriate.
2. **Spelling activities set in your spelling activity homework book**
Tuesday will still be the day for your child to choose an activity from the Spelling Menu with the sentence writing and second 'Look, Cover, Write, Check' tasks being completed on Wednesday and Thursday. Please take time to read through the overview that will come home in your child's Spelling Homework book.
3. **Maths Mentals set in a textbook**
4. **Online homework can be completed once a week even on the weekend.**
Reading Eggs program and set Mathseeds tasks for Year 1.

Please sit with your child for the online tasks. There is a wealth of additional activities your child can easily explore on these websites. If your child is unable to access the internet at home, please contact the class teacher.

5. **Fortnightly preparation of 'talking time' topics – lists of topics and the day your child will present will be sent home in week 2**

Mark your child's homework as they complete it. Instant feedback is one of the keys to successful learning.

Dates to diarise

Stage 1 Assembly

- 2nd August
- 16th August (NO Assembly due to Concert)
- 23rd August - In lieu of 16th August.
- 30th August (Year 2)
- 31st August (Year 1 Father's Day Assembly - 9am in the School Hall)

Year 1 and Year 2 will be held in the hall from 2:30-3:00pm on alternate Thursdays starting in Week 2. Please feel free to come along.

Other Events

Education Week: August, 8th August - Open Classrooms and Assembly

Year 1 Concert: Thursday, 9th August - Dress Rehearsal (RPS Students only)
Thursday, 16th August - Matinee Performance - 11:40am
Evening Performance - 6:00pm

Tickets to be purchased online at: TRY bookings. Details to be sent on Skoolbag.

K-6 Athletics: Monday August, 13th Marks Field Kensington.

Book Week Parade: Wednesday, 22nd August

Incursions/Excursions

Zoo Excursion - Friday 21st September, 2018.

Year 1 Scope It Education - Term 4 (weekly)

Reports The Semester 1 (Term 1 and 2) report is a comprehensive written report outlining student achievement in all 6 Key Learning Areas and specialist programs across the school. The final report is sent to you at the end of Semester 2 (Term 4).

Interviews If you wish to discuss your child's progress at another time please arrange an appointment by calling the school office, emailing or send a note. I would be more than happy to discuss your child's progress, at a mutually convenient time.

Excursions This term we will be visiting Taronga Zoo. Parents will be invited to assist on this excursion by the class teacher. Further information about this excursion will be coming soon.

Newsletters/Communication There is a fortnightly School Newsletter sent through the Skoolbag App with information related to school activities. Please ensure your email contact details are up to date with your class parent and the school office. Printed copies are available at the office, if you require a hard copy. We will continue to use 'CareMonkey' as a way of distributing permission notes this year. You will be able to read and electronically sign notes through the app. If you have not done so, you can install the app on your device or access this service through the link, https://groups.caremonkey.com/users/sign_in.

Randwick Public School also has an official Facebook page to highlight some of the many activities that happen daily. You can follow this page by following this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/RandwickPublicSchool/>

Car Park and new building works A reminder for all families that children and parents are not to be in any of the car parks in the morning. Please **do not walk through the car parks or use them to park your cars**. The car parks are for school staff only between 8:30am and 4:30pm. For your children's safety, use the pedestrian gates in front of Care Centre and go to the Frances street entrances by the School Hall.

Wet Weather Arrangements

Morning Drop Off If it is raining in the morning proceed to the undercover areas around the school that is the canteen, by the AMS building and under any of the COLAs. At 8:45am, if rain persists, you will hear themed wet weather music, such as 'Singing in the Rain', with an announcement from a teacher. **Only then** are the children allowed to enter the building and walk directly to their classroom. There will be teachers present to provide supervision for only a **15 minute period** before the 9am bell rings.

Afternoon Pick Up If it is raining in the afternoon then an announcement will be made over our outdoor communication system to direct you to the following information;

Year 1 If it is raining the children in Year 1 will be collected from the Canteen COLA.

*****All children need a labelled raincoat in their bag at all times, please do not send your child to school with an umbrella.***

Attendance If your child is absent from school please ensure you send a note or email to your child's class teacher the same day. Ensure that you have your class teachers email details saved in a convenient place. If your child is booked in to attend Randwick After School Care and they are absent from school, please alert the Care Centre on the day they are absent. Ph. 9398 7653

Birthdays! We love sharing and celebrating birthdays in class. If you wish to send in something to celebrate your child's birthday please send cupcakes as they are easy to share and no lollies or lolly bags.

Home Dismissal Arrangements To ensure that your child always has a safe and secure end to the day at school it is vital that we are informed of the pick up arrangements. Please see the last page of this newsletter, complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible.

Key Learning Areas

The 6 Key Learning Areas in primary school are; English, Mathematics, History and Geography, Science, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) and Creative and Practical Arts.

English

Literacy is an integral part of all learning throughout the entire school.

- Literacy components are Reading, Writing, Listening and Talking. This means that comprehension and discussion are very important at this stage of your child's development.
- Our focus writing topic for this term is Persuasive and Informative texts.
- Students will give several oral presentations throughout the year, culminating in a Public Speaking Competition in term 3.

Mathematics

Mathematics focuses on using hands on activities and lessons for Stage 1.

- The 3 Maths strands are Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability.
- Ongoing assessment of each area happens throughout the year after each subject has been taught.

Geography

The focus topic is: Features and Places

Science/STEM

In line with the new National Curriculum Term 3 focus topic is: Light and Sound.

PDHPE - Personal Development, Health, Physical Education

This year the Physical Education Program (PE) will be supported by TransformUS. All students will participate in the whole school Anti-Bullying program to be delivered through weekly Peer Support sessions, led by class teachers in conjunction with Year 6 leaders. The Personal development focus topics are: fun, food and fitness influencing students to live an active lifestyle.

Creative Arts

This term in CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) students will be practising for and performing in the Year 1 Concert. For the later part of the term students will be learning a variety of simple and traditional dances. They will also be given the opportunity to work with other students to create their own dance.

Technology

Students will have access to technology in all subject areas. Programs provide opportunities for research, creating multimedia presentations, publishing written work, collating information, communicating with others and to extend upon their word processing skills. Each classroom is equipped with an Interactive Whiteboard, Computers and I pads linked to the Internet. Students are encouraged to use this technology to enhance their learning across all curriculum areas.

There is a whole school focus on Digital Citizenship where we will be focusing on how to behave responsibly when using the computers and being safe on social media. The Department of Education's intranet provides the children with access to a school email facility, as well as other services used for educational purposes.

Students will engage with weekly Coding activities in term 3 in preparation for Scope It Education in term 4.

Please remember to:

- Ensure all homework is completed promptly, **neatly** and returned every Friday. **Students are to use lead or coloured pencils in their books, no textas or pens.)**
- Small toys and valuable items are **NOT** to be brought to school.
- Ensure that your child wears full school uniform, including **black** shoes and a school broad brimmed hat. Sun cream is especially important on sports days.
- Enable your child to have time and space to complete their homework.
- Complete late or early leaving notes for your child to the school office at the time of the pick up or drop off.
- Ensure that your **contact details** and any **medication** details are always kept up to date via the office.
- Label all your child's items of clothing, hats, food and drink containers.

Reading Groups – Parent help is always greatly appreciated during reading groups; however notice the day before that you are coming to assist is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Connie Saad and Stage 1 Teachers.

(Relieving Assistant Principal - Year 1)