



YEAR 2 UPDATE- TERM 3 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had an enjoyable break – welcome back!

Here is an overview of Term 3.

Dates for your diary- more information to come about the events below

Education Week Assembly + Open Classrooms

Wednesday, 8th August

Athletics Carnival

Monday, 13th August

ICAS Tests

English, Tuesday 31st July

Maths, Tuesday 14th August

Selected students who signed up

Book Week Parade

Wednesday, 22nd August

Concert- 'The Spatularette'

Tuesday, 18th September

Assemblies

Assembly will be held in the hall from 2:20 – 3:00pm on alternate Thursdays starting in Week 2.

- August 2nd
- No assembly Week 4
- Make-up assembly August 23rd
- August 30th
- September 13th

English

Literacy is an integral part of all learning throughout the entire school, students in Year Two will continue to develop ways to persuade and inform. In Term 3, Randwick Public School has a whole school focus on public speaking in the lead up to the Public Speaking Competition at the end of the term. Students will be required to prepare and present speeches to their class throughout the term.

Reading Groups: The structure of Reading Groups has changed and they are now on every day. The idea is to increase the amount of reading and comprehension occurring daily. On the first day of their cycle, groups will be exposed to a “pre-task” (a task about a book/chapter they haven’t read yet). On the second day they will participate in a guided reading session and the third day they complete a “post-task” (a comprehension activity about what they have read). The other 2 days are made up of free-choice reading and various comprehension activities and games.

Mathematics

The three Mathematic strands are Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability. Some of the topics we will cover this term include; multiplication and division, data, 3D objects, transformations and position.

Geography

The unit is entitled "People and Places". Students explore places across a range of scales within Australia and Australia’s location in the world. They describe connections people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, have with places, both locally and globally. Students identify factors affecting people’s accessibility to places.

Science/STEM

Students will wrap-up their ‘All Mixed Up’ unit and begin a new unit using Sphero technology and coding.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)

This term, students will participate in the Peer Support program. This program is run by Year 6 peer support leaders who work closely with teachers to deliver weekly lessons, focusing on resilience and building positive relationships. Year Two will also engage in weekly physical education lessons that will draw on various fundamental movement skills.

Creative Arts (Visual Arts, Drama, Music & Dance)

Year 2 will focus on music, dance and drama this term through preparation for their concert ‘The Spatularette’. When creating Visual Art, students will draw on various artistic techniques to create artworks that use a variety of mixed-media.

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.

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. Parents needs to sign and date the Home Reader Log Book every day and books are to be returned every day for

a new reader.

2. Spelling activities set in the workbook.

3. Maths Mentals set in a textbook.

4. Online homework – One set Matific task and optional Reading Eggs/Reading Express activities to support reading.

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

This term we have the **Primary Public Speaking Competition** and we will be supporting the students by providing practice at school and at home to assist students in the preparation. More information will be sent home shortly.

Information about Upcoming Events

Calendar Art

Check out your child's Calendar Art on SeeSaw and order your calendars, iPhone covers, key rings etc. on Flexischools.

Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday, August 13th. Information regarding this event and the permission note will be distributed via CareMonkey. On the day of the carnival, your child can dress in their house colours!

Education Week

Education Week will be celebrated at Randwick Public School on Wednesday August 8th. Family and friends are welcome to attend by visiting "open classrooms" at 9:15am followed by the Years 2-6 Assembly in the School Hall.

Book Week

The Book Week Character Parade will happen on Wednesday 22nd August. Stay tuned for more details but all families are encouraged to choose a favourite book character and start planning their costumes!

Concert - 'The Spatularette'

Year 2 will be presenting their concert 'The Spatularette' in Week 9, Tuesday 18th September.

There will be 2 concerts; a matinee performance (12:15pm) and an evening performance (6:30pm). Further information regarding ticket sales will come out soon.

We will also be holding 'Concert Working Bees' in the coming weeks. Keep an eye out for the details from your class parent.

Staying in touch

Interviews

If you wish to discuss your child's progress please arrange an appointment by emailing your child's classroom teacher and they will be more than happy to discuss your child's progress, at a mutually convenient time.

Newsletters / Communication

The Randwick School Newsletter is available fortnightly and contains information related to school activities. Please ensure your email contact details are up to date with your class parent and the school office so you are on the distribution list for newsletters and classroom emails. Skoolbag is our main form of mass communication to families, install the app on your phone or tablet to stay up to date. Permission notes will continue to be sent via CareMonkey, please fill out these e-forms to give your child permission to attend school related activities.

Notes / Attendance

If your child is absent from school please email your child's classroom teacher on the day they are absent.

If your child is booked in to attend Randwick After School Care and they are absent from school, can you please alert the Care Centre (Ph. 9398 7653).

Please remember to:

- 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 through CareMonkey
- Label all of your child's items of clothing, hats, food and drink containers.

Thank you. Your support is greatly appreciated. Year 2 teachers wish you and your child a safe, happy and successful Term 3!