

Year 2 - Term 4 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The following key dates pertain to upcoming events for Year 2 students. We will endeavour to keep you updated with any variations as required.

General / Excursions / Events

'The Happiness Box' – Seymour Centre - Excursion

Thursday, 1st November

White Ribbon Breakfast

Friday, 23rd November

Mini-Fair

Tuesday, 4th December

Christmas Church Service

Wednesday, 5th December

Presentation Day

Thursday, 6th December

End of Year BBQ

Friday, 7th December

Photography Exhibition

Thursday, 13th December

Picnic Day

Tuesday, 18th December

Randwick's Got Talent and Last Day

Wednesday, 19th December

Assemblies

Assembly will be held on the silver seats from 2:20 – 3:00pm starting in Week 2.

- Thursday 25th October
- Thursday 8th November
- Thursday 22nd November
- Thursday 6th December (hall)

Key Learning Areas

English

Literacy is an integral part of all learning throughout the entire school, this term students in Year Two will focus on ways to inform and entertain. Students will continue to bring home readers as part of homework. In Year Two, it is important for all students, regardless of their level, to read aloud with an adult each night. Reading aloud helps to develop comprehension, as well as reading fluency. Another strategy to help with your child's reading comprehension is to ask them questions about the book; before, during and after reading. At this stage of Year Two students should also be encouraged to read chapter books of their choice, this is not to replace home reading but to support their reading development and encourage a love for reading.

Mathematics

The three Mathematic strands are Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability. Some of the topics we will cover and revise this term include; multiplication and division, time and volume and capacity. It is important for students to continue to be revised on Number, in particular, place value. Ask your child to recall three and four digit numbers and what comes before and after, as well as 10 or 100 more or after, e.g. Count by 10s from 367 or count back by 100 from 2345. Students often struggle when they have to cross the decade, e.g. 417, 407, 397.

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

This term students will undertake a STEM unit which focuses on the force of Push and Pull. They will use Spheros to code a path to pull a chariot they have designed. Later in the term we will hold an expo for parents to come and see what the children have created. More information to come on this shortly.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)

Students will learn to recognise how to make healthy eating choices and how that can promote wellbeing. We will refer to the Australian Healthy Eating Guidelines; <https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au/guidelines/australian-guide-healthy-eating>

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

This term we will continue with music and recorder; a large focus will be on appreciation and students expressing their ideas,

feelings and mood. We will also be creating artworks through photography, exploring light, composition and perspective. **PARENTS WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Could you please send in an empty 'Pringles' tube with a lid for your child to create a pinhole camera ASAP.

Staying in touch

Reports

Semester Two reports will come out at the end of Term 4. It is a comprehensive written report outlining student achievement in all 6 Key Learning Areas and specialist programs across the school. Throughout the semester teachers have been assessing and monitoring students to gain information on their achievements.

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 on the day they are absent. Ph. (02) 9398 7653

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 need to sign and date the Home Reader Log Book every day and books are to be returned every Friday to be changed every Monday.
2. Spelling activities set in workbook.
3. Maths Mentals set in a textbook (until Week 5)
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.

If you are having any trouble with the homework please contact the classroom teacher.

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.
- Labels on all your child's items of clothing, hats, food and drink containers.
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Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.

All Year Two teachers wish you and your child a safe, happy and successful Term 4!