



# Grade 2 Newsletter

## Term 2 - 2023

### Our New Spaces

Welcome Grade 2 Families and students. We have had such a great Term 2 already with the ZeroCo incursion and Appreciation Stall!

### Communication

SeeSaw will be the Grade 2 Team's main communication for reminders or updates. Student logins were sent home in Term 1, however please let your class teacher know if you need another copy. In addition, please remember to keep an eye on Compass through the school website for information about upcoming sessions, incursions or excursions. We cannot wait for an exciting incursion and excursion this term! If your child is absent, please ensure you update Compass as soon as possible.

### School Values

We are Safe  
We are Respectful  
We are Learners  
We Care about Each Other

## Encouraging Independence

We have been encouraging our students to be responsible for their belongings throughout the school day. Please encourage your child's independence, regarding home readers and library books. Ensure your child brings their purple home reading satchel every Monday.

### Grade 2 Teachers

**2N Mr Niciak**

**Room 34**

**2F Miss Fonte De Vos**

**Room 33**

**2C Miss Cavoli**

**Room 32**

### Dates for your Diary

**NGV Excursion 19th June**

**Urban Upcycle Incursion 23rd May**

**World Environment Day 5th June**

**World Oceans Day 8th June**

**Last Day of Term 2 24th June**

# Our Learning Areas

## Reading

This term in Reading we will continue to work on developing reading skills, engagement and goal setting behaviour. Students will begin the term by looking at predicting what may happen next in their texts. We will also be looking at literal and inferential questions. Here the students will work on answering literal *right there* questions and inferential *think about* questions on both fiction and non-fiction texts.

We thank you for your support of our home reading program. Nightly reading with an adult, grandparent, older sibling or friend provides wonderful opportunities for students to build on their reading fluency, word problem solving skills and comprehension.

## Writing

This term students will be focusing on the key aspects of sentence structure by learning how to correctly include full stops, capital letters, describing words and other forms of punctuation in sentences. Students are given a variety of activities and opportunities to learn and consolidate these fundamental aspects of sentence structure that are important for successful writing.

This term students will be writing about familiar experiences. They will be introduced to the formal structure of a recount text and explore different sentence starters and vocabulary choices to retell events in an engaging way. Later in the term they will be experimenting with procedure text and learning how to organise writing for the purpose of completing an action. This is a great chance to make strong connections to home by having your children help out in the kitchen and follow recipes.

## Structured Word Inquiry

This term we will be looking at phonemes (sounds) and graphemes that make the sound. After each introduction session students will work on this weekly through their reading and writing sessions. Our aim is to improve their knowledge of the English Language and improve reading, writing and spelling outcomes.

## Inquiry

This term the students are investigating the use of materials and purposes. To develop these understandings, experiments are being undertaken with different common materials. Furthermore, the students will enjoy an incursion later this term about upcycling materials, which also aligns with the ways in which CWPS is actively becoming more environmentally friendly. Activities and inquiries on World Environment Day and World Oceans Day this term will also work towards our commitment to waste reduction.

## Mathematics

This term our Number and Algebra focus will continue to develop fluency with skip counting and number sequences. This is to assist with our units on both Addition and Subtraction throughout the term. There will be a large focus on developing strategy based approaches to addition and subtraction skills over the course of the term to provide students with a deeper understanding of how the mathematical operations work.

In Measurement and Geometry, the focus will be on comparing and ordering mass. Students will also be learning about location and developing skills in interpreting maps.

In Statistics and Probability, we will be introducing our students to a range of different methods for collecting and expressing data. This is a great opportunity to build their fluency at interpreting graphs, charts and tables to assist with everyday mathematical skills.

## Wellbeing

Due to being in our beautiful new spaces, our wellbeing this term looks a little different. Being able to use our amazing new learning space will allow much more whole unit wellbeing activities. To provide support for the social and emotional needs of our students a range of problem solving challenges, creative art activities and explicit values based lessons will be taught throughout the term. This will allow students to form deeper relationships between all students in the cohort.

## What Can You Do At Home?

Please note that whilst this is for additional learning, the following can be done if your child is at home sick too.

## Reading

Take home reading is well and truly underway. The primary focus of take home reading is developing fluency and expression whilst also building on the skills and strategies taught in class. It is really important to read aloud every night, make opportunities to discuss what has been read and support an overall love for reading with your child.

If your child prefers to read books from home please make sure they still fill out their reading log. Children also have access to the level appropriate readers found online at PM Collection.

(<https://app.pmecollection.com.au/login>).

## Maths

This term we are working on addition and subtraction in Number and Algebra. To further support this at home, please feel free to go onto our Coburg West Primary School website on Maths Home Learning (<https://www.cobw.vic.edu.au/page/186/Maths-Home-Learning>). Here you will find worksheets that your students may do as a home learning activity. If you are unsure what level your child is at, feel free to message their classroom teacher. Please note these do not need to be sent back to school.

## Study Ladder

In our classrooms, we use the app Study Ladder to practice fluency skills in Reading and Maths. You students may know their logins however if they don't, feel free to message their teachers for the login details.

## Spelling

Our students are following the Oxford 500 Word sequence for spelling. We are continuing to focus on both reading and writing these words both in structured word inquiry as well as Writing lessons. A copy of these words as well as some helpful tips and tricks for engaging spelling as a home learning activity can be found at <https://www.oxfordowl.com.au/oxford-wordlist>

## Reminders

- ★ Please make sure student absences are being placed into Compass.
- ★ Could all students please bring a box of tissues for their classroom
- ★ Enjoy your kids, it's a special time!