

ONE WONDERFUL WORLD

Year One's Newsletter – Term 2, 2nd June 2017

We are steaming through Term 2 and the students have been very busy learning about the world around them through Integrated Studies, Math, reading and writing.

ENGLISH

We have explored how authors engage their audiences through a range of techniques. Imagine, Where the Wild Things Are and Stuck have been our texts to explore settings, characters, plots and the words that help us connect to a text. Students are now in the process of transforming texts into their own work. They are learning to write with attention to pronouns, verb and noun use.

SPEAKING AND LISTENING

It has been wonderful to watch the students present each week on their speaking and listening topics. Each and every presentation has been very individualised. It has been pleasing to see the students grow in confidence when speaking in front of an audience using a loud and expressive voice and sharing their research, thoughts and opinions on various topics. Many thanks to you for your support preparing them!

MATH

We will be exploring the concepts and the foundational strategies required for Addition, Subtraction and Fractions. Measurement and 3D shapes. The children have been engaged in non-standard measuring this week and we appreciate your support with practice at home, making simple comparisons – longer, shorter or the same as.

SYNTHETIC PHONICS

We will be looking at the phonemes which sound the same but are spelt differently!

The sounds are: **o, oa, o_e, ow**

The camera words are: **because, two, another, more, have, our.**

CHROMEBOOKS AND CODING

The students have become very familiar with the Chromebooks used for Information Technology. Not only are they learning about becoming a digital citizen, they are also learning about the functions of a computer and its programs. The programs we are learning to use are Typing Pal, Google Docs and Google Sheets.

Coding is now part of the Australian curriculum. Coding is a wonderful way to allow children to explore directional language and experience trial and error. Our goal is to give our students these skills through unplugged coding (using no device) as well as learning to use programmable device such as BeeBots.



STUDENT- LED CONFERENCE

Student- led conference will be occurring during week 10. This is an opportunity for the student to personally show their work from the semester. A full day will be given and parents will have the opportunity to book in a time. More information will be sent shortly.

MINDFULNESS

Students have started practicing a little more mindfulness in class, whether it be yoga, guided meditation or visualization. The purpose is to have students focus on the present moment.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Assemblies**
Friday 2nd June, Year 2 hosting
Friday 16th June, Year 1 hosting
- **Leap Van visit**
Week 7 and 8
- **Student-led conference**
Week 10

Warm Regards,
Mrs Toufeili, Mrs Hopkins, Miss Beange and Miss Smith