

Welcome back to the really exciting and super busy term that is Term 3 in Year 1.

We have lots of special events taking place in the coming weeks, including the fabulous Gym program at McLeod YMCA that will take place each Monday morning, starting week 2. We also have the exciting 'Clubs' program that will begin in week 6. This program will run on a Friday afternoon and involves all children in the Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3/4 areas. The children choose which 'Club' they would like to participate in for four weeks. The choices are varied and include such activities as sports, craft, ICT or performing arts. This is a great program that allows the children to work with people from other areas of the school on activities that interest them. It is a real highlight of Term 3.

This term our reading program begins with an author study. We will be focusing on books written and illustrated by Nick Bland. He has written lots of really enjoyable stories that the children in Year 1 find interesting and very entertaining. We will be reading and discussing as many of his books as we can. Guided Reading Sessions will continue to be aimed at the individual and group needs of the children.

We start our Term 3 Writing program working on narratives. Through the writing of narratives we will explore the importance of the characters, the setting and the events in the story. We will use focused writing sessions to highlight the whole writing process, including drafting, proof reading, editing and publishing. We will also use these sessions to explore spelling rules and strategies for the children to use when they are attempting to write unfamiliar words. Later in the term our writing focus will shift to write persuasive texts. Through this genre we will look at persuasive language and how we can use this in our writing. Handwriting will continue to focus on writing all upper and lower case letters using the correct formation, size and pencil grip. The M100W words will continue to be a priority of our spelling program as will spelling rules, letter blends and the use of strategies to use in order to make plausible attempts at unknown words.

We will continue with our weekly topics for share time. Please help your child to make sure that they are ready for their weekly show and tell presentation.

Our Term 3 Maths program will build on skills that we have explored during the first half of this year. As in previous terms we will ensure that all children working at different levels are

catered for with a varied, rich activities that are designed to help all of the children progress where they need it the most. Place Value continues to be an important part of our classroom practice, in particular 2 and 3 digit numbers. Understanding counting patterns, ten facts, double, near doubles and money will be extended. Addition and subtraction strategies will be applied more regularly to word problems and open ended tasks and we will spend time measuring length, mass and capacity of lots of different objects using informal units. 2D and 3D shapes, location and time will also be revisited during Term 3.

All of our children are currently working on their second Individual Learning Goal and we would really appreciate your assistance in making sure that you child is working on the tasks that are sent home by their classroom teacher, designed to assist them in achieving their goal. We really appreciate all of the assistance that the families in the Year 1 area have given us so far this year, including the changing of home readers and accompanying us on excursions. We are hoping that this will continue for semester 2.

We look forward to sharing all of these learning experiences with children.

Don't forget to check out the classroom blog with your child. We try to update these regularly with fun and relevant information from our classrooms.

J12- <http://kidblog.org/MrsGreatrexsclass/>

J13- <http://kidblog.org/J13MrsPearson/>

J14- <http://kidblog.org/J14/>

Dates to remember in Term 3-

- Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews – Tuesday 21 July
- Gymnastics- Every Monday morning, 20 July – 24 August
- Year One and Two Concert – 11 August
- Curriculum Day – 14 August
- School Disco – 21 August
- Clubs – Every Friday afternoon, 28 August – 11 September

Thanks

Melissa, Mark and Sue