This week's news:

Dear parents,
As we move into our third week back at school we are reviewing completed expectations and settling in to a regular routine for our literacy and maths sessions. We are very excited to be implementing our THRASS spelling program this year to focus on spelling patterns and targeting the individual spelling errors of our students. These sessions aim to focus on making considered spelling choices and building strong spellers. Our third week back also marks the beginning of our science program which is Chemical Sciences, each class will begin with an introduction to these science concepts and science safety.

Our Home Learning Program begins for Year 1/2s this week. If you have any questions about the book or its components please speak to your classroom teacher. The students have been given a demonstration on how to use this book and are encouraged to bring any questions to their teacher as we begin the new format. Foundation students will receive their word rings this week to build on their home learning.

School entry assessments for Foundation will continue on Wednesdays, so unless your child is scheduled for assessment, Foundation students are not required to come to school. On Thursday February 18th from 5.30pm we will be holding a Parent Information Session in the Junior Learning Unit which will be full of valuable information in regards to curriculum, important dates, iPads and more. We would love to see as many families as possible in attendance. Our Twilight Sports will commence on the oval after the Senior Information Session. Specialist sessions have begun with Spanish on Monday, P.E on Thursday and Visual Arts on Tuesday for Foundation students and Friday for Years 1 and 2.

If you don’t already have the TiqBiz app on your smart phone, tablet or computer, make sure you download it to receive important news and reminders throughout the school year. Have a wonderful week!

Brogan Badrock, Adriana Grisold and Jennifer Ross.

English

This week the Foundies will continue to learn about school routines and expectations. The morning sessions will consist of increasingly shorter Developmental Play followed by early writing skills such as pencil grip and tracing as well as modelled writing to demonstrate important writing elements. They will resume their learning of the sounds /s/, /a/ and /t/, exploring things that begin with these sounds and learning how to form the letters. They will be introduced to the THRASS chart through songs and games. The reading block will consist of modelled reading of a big book with a focus on the strategy ‘Checking for Understanding’, asking ourselves, ‘What just happened?’

Year Ones and Twos are looking at the CAFÉ comprehension strategy ‘Checking for Understanding’. They will begin their Writer’s Workshop by looking at interesting beginnings to their writing. The THRASS focus for the week will be on the ‘c’ sound using the boxes cat, kitten, duck, school, queen.

Maths

Foundies are exploring numbers and the counting sequence by engaging in games and songs and using hands on materials. They are learning the days of the week during our morning calendar routine and song. Ask them to sing it for you at home!

Year One and Two classes are looking at the Seasons as well as how to read and use Calendars.

Inquiry Learning

This term’s inquiry unit is ‘Me and my Community’. Students will explore what it means to be part of a community and discussing their roles in the community. They will discover what makes communities work well together and identify special helpers in our community. If you are an ‘important person’ in your community (e.g. firefighter, policeman, nurse, council member etc.) please let us know if you would like to be a part of our unit by coming in to share what your role involves.

Important Dates:

- Wednesday February 3rd: School Entry Assessments — No Foundation Students
- Thursday February 18th: Parent Information Evening/Twilight Sports
- Wednesday March 2nd: Foundation Students at School Today!

Educreations

Please make sure you have this very important app downloaded onto your child’s iPad as it will be used this term during spelling and maths sessions.

App of the Week