



# Grade 2 Term Four Parent Information



Dear Parents,

Term four has just begun and the children have been busy discussing their holidays and getting back into routines. We have already had a special visit to the Life Education van where Harold taught us lots of things about our bodies and ways we can stay fit and healthy.

Our main themes for the term include The Commonwealth Games, Space and Christmas.

### **Important Dates:**

- **Star Lab Planetarium-** On Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October students will have the opportunity to participate in an interactive science show with a focus on SPACE. The presentation will take place at school and be run by an experienced presenter within an inflatable igloo-like dome. A payment of \$7.00 per student is required to cover costs.
- **Big Samba incursion-** On Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of October the whole school will be involved in a music incursion where they will get to use different instruments and work together as a team. There is **no cost** for this incursion.
- **CUP DAY Public holiday-** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- **School Fair-** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November
- **Last Day of Term Four-** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

*\* Please make sure you check your child's reader cover and the weekly newsletter for all important dates.*

### **ENGLISH:**

Reading, writing and spelling will continue to be an integral part of our program. Reading learning centre rotations will be undertaken four days each week, enabling me to spend precious time with each reading ability group. Children will be encouraged to be independent readers employing a variety of reading strategies. There will be a strong focus on comprehension and persuasive writing in order to prepare students for grade three.

### **MATHEMATICS:**

The following topics will be covered in Maths: Numbers to 1000, Place Value, Number Patterns, Area, Fractions, Time, Mass, Addition (vertical) & Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, Mass and Map reading. Please try and involve your child in practical, everyday Maths activities, such as telling the time, calculating change, estimating and measuring.

- Remember Smart Kiddies and the Targeting Maths CD are great ways to see how your child is going and for them to revise Maths concepts covered in class.

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This term in P.E we are focusing on further improvement with our ball skills, learning about gymnastics and playing team games to develop team work and sportsmanship. Mr. Stella

**ART:**

This term we're travelling around the world in the art room. We are starting in Japan with Kirigami, then onto Sweden with woven hearts. Mrs. Von

**MUSIC:**

This term in music we are going to be having loads of fun and working together as a cooperative team to create a music video! Mr. Mac Eoin

**SHOW AND TELL:**

Show and Tell plays an important part in our Speaking and Listening Program and the children are expected to participate each week. In order to encourage richer Show and Tell we have prepared a timetable outlining a special topic for each week throughout term four. Please spend a few minutes helping your child prepare for their weekly Show and Tell.

Week / Date	TOPIC
<b>Week 2-</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> October	Free Choice
<b>Week 3-</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> October	A healthy food
<b>Week 4-</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> October	Three interesting things I know about Space
<b>Week 5-</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>NO SHOW AND TELL (Cup week)</b>
<b>Week 6-</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Choose your favourite TV show and convince the grade why they should watch it.
<b>Week 7-</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> November	Something I've made.
<b>Week 8-</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> November	A short poem, riddle or joke.
<b>Week 9-</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Two favourite family photos.
<b>Week 10-</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> December	My family Christmas traditions
<b>Week 11-</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>NO SHOW AND TELL</b>

**HOMEWORK:**

- Children are strongly encouraged to read at home on a regular basis in order to become confident, independent readers. Reading at home also encourages children to develop a richer vocabulary. Reader covers must be returned to school daily and children must take responsibility for changing their reader and putting it in the reader box each morning. Please either sign your child's yellow book or encourage them to write a comment so I can see that they have read and can praise them for their efforts.
- Spelling lists will continue to be placed in the children's take home book every Monday, followed by a test on Friday. Please help your child practise their words to ensure they are prepared for the test on Friday. Using the LOOK, SAY, COVER, WRITE, CHECK method may be helpful. Encourage your child to continue learning their 100 or 200 most used words which will enable more fluent writing. This can be done whilst driving in the car or even while waiting in line at the Supermarket.



**SCHOOL FAIR:**

The school fair is a fantastic fundraiser for Emerald Primary School and great fun for the children. Thank you to the families who have already offered one hour of their time to assist with our grades stall. We still require more helpers so please return your form and send it along to school as soon as possible.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

A huge thank you to all the families that have already donated chocolates for 'Chocolate Throw' and brought in items for the Grade Two Christmas basket which will be auctioned off at the school fair.



Also, thank you for all the support you have provided your child throughout the year. Your assistance is so valuable and this is reflected in your children's reading progress and weekly spelling results. I am looking forward to another enjoyable term with the children. I can't believe it's term 4 already!

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Rebecca Parker*