

# DIAMOND CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Grade 1/2 Newsletter

Term 3  
2016

### What's happening this term?



Welcome back! We hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful break and are ready for the wonderful term ahead. This term is filled with fun and engaging learning opportunities for all our 1/2s. We also had some wonderful news over the holidays with the arrival of Mrs Shannon's baby. Everly Mae was born on Tuesday, 28th June. Congratulations to Mrs Shannon and her husband, Justin.

#### INQUIRY

Our Inquiry unit this term is 'Reduce Reuse Recycle Rethink'. Children will understand that our needs and wants are the main reason for much of the Earth's environmental problems. We will look at each of the concepts individually and discover the many things that we can do as individuals that will help reduce the stress on the earth. Our main understanding is that sustainable living is about finding ways to help protect our planet.

Children will be involved in many hands on activities where they can then transfer what they have learnt to our school and their homes. We encourage children to discuss these ideas with their families and perhaps consider some of their ideas to 'help heal our world'.



#### SCIENCE

This term our Science topic '*Up, down and all around*' supports our Inquiry topic beautifully. Students will explore how the ongoing management of gardens and living spaces impacts on changes to the landscape. They also identify natural and constructed features of the landscape, and changes to the sky and landscape that have to do with human activity and the relationships between human activity and surrounding ecosystems. Students will develop their knowledge, skills and values for making decisions about individual and community actions that contribute to sustainable patterns of use

of the Earth's natural resources.

#### BOOK OF THE YEAR

Book of the Year will also run this term. For those who are new to our school, 'BOTY' is an opportunity for all students to have a go at writing and publishing their own narrative story. This is all done in class time with the assistance of the teachers. Children are led through the publishing process from conception of ideas to production of their own book. Teachers are then given the very difficult task of short listing a few of them. A winner from each year level is then chosen. All the shortlisted books are then sent to the Whittlesea show.

#### SILENT READING BOOK

If your child has a novel they love to read or a special book they are allowed to bring to school, please send it along so they may keep it on their table for Daily 5 'Read to Self'. Please make sure it is named.



# MATHS

This term we are covering multiplication, division, time, volume, mass and capacity during our maths sessions. Here are a few ideas for those who would like to work on these skills at home.

**Volume, Mass & Capacity** - Cooking with your child, getting them to weigh and measure ingredients

**Time** - Ask them to tell the time

**Multiplication** - Learning times tables 2x, 5x, 10x, and for those who want to go further try the 3x and 4x. There are lots of songs available online that children can listen to, which will reinforce their times tables. Get them to set the table - how many pieces of cutlery for 5 people?

**Division** - Serving food, we have 10 potatoes and 5 people. How many potatoes does each person get?

These 'real life' activities are just what children need to use their maths knowledge and skills in every day situations.



## Websites:

[www.readingeggs.com.au](http://www.readingeggs.com.au)

[www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)

Rainforest Maths – via

Mathletics

[studyladder.com.au](http://studyladder.com.au)

## REMINDERS

Students to change their reader every morning after the bell. No student is to enter their classroom before school unless instructed and supervised by a teacher.

Drink bottles with water only, every day.

Fruit or vegetables cut up for 'Brain Food'

## LEARNING LOGS

Thank you to those parents who have returned their child's learning logs. If you are yet to return yours, could you please send them back to school by

Wednesday 20th July and don't forget to fill out the 2 stars and a wish.

## NEEDED

We have lots of fun craft activities planned for our inquiry unit and are in need of **CLEAN** 1.25l soft drink bottles. If you have any of these around the home could you please send them to school with your child.

Thank you

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Tuesday 6th<br>September          | 1/2 Planning Day   |
| Mon 5th – Fri<br>9th<br>September | Nude Food Week     |
| Wednesday<br>14th September       | 3 Way Conferences  |
| 16th September                    | Last day of Term 3 |

## PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

If you are interested in helping during our Reading sessions please see

Meredith or Josie. Parent helpers will begin again in week 2.

Thank you

*Please remember if you have any compliments, concerns or queries our doors are always open!*

*Josie and Meredith*