



# 1/2 NEWSLETTER

**DATES TO REMEMBER!**

**Thurs February 23rd**  
Parent Information Night  
More info to follow

**Mon March 13th**  
Labour Day holiday

**Wednesday 29th March**  
Parent Teacher Interviews

**Friday 31st March**  
Term 1 ends

**Monday April 13**  
Term 2 begins

Welcome to 2017

February, 2017

Welcome everyone to the 2017 school year! It's always great to know that our students and their families have returned safely from the holiday period. A very special welcome also to the many new students and their families who have joined DCPS for the first time. We also welcome our newest staff members in particular, Christie Gilder and Samantha Robinson to the 1/2 team who have already been made to feel at home by our wonderful students.

We have had a very smooth and orderly start to the school year with all of our students in grades 1/2 returning with smiles on their faces and plenty of enthusiasm for the year ahead. Everyone is settling into their new routines quickly and the scene is all set for a terrific year ahead. All classrooms are looking sensational and inviting already. Please feel free to pop in and have a look!

Each term you will receive a newsletter like this one containing general information and important dates for you to note on your calendars. These will also be available on our website for further reference. We will also communicate through Tiqbiz so please ensure you have downloaded the free app onto your device.

Looking forward to a very happy and positive term.

Josie, Samantha and Christie  
1/2 TEAM

**TEACHERS**

1/2G: Christie Gilder  
1/2M: Josie Minelli  
1/2R: Samantha Robinson

Office Manager:  
Jennie Mitchell

**Specialists**

Art, Italian and  
Performing Arts: Isabella Mignuoli  
Art (Mondays): Tegan Shannon  
P.E: David Pitts

**BRAIN FOOD**



Students can bring fresh fruit or vegies to eat during our Literacy block.  
**Fresh** fruit or vegies only. These should be cut up in a named container.

**WATER BOTTLES**

Don't forget to send a water bottle to school every day. We encourage children to keep their bottle on their tables.

**ONLY WATER PLEASE**



**HATS**

Wearing a SCHOOL hat in terms 1 and 4 is compulsory at DCPS. This is part of our Sunsmart policy.



Please make sure your child's hat is clearly named.

## INQUIRY

The students in 1/2 will begin the year by exploring relationships and social interactions with their friends and classmates with the focus being on a positive and happy start to the new school year. We will look at our rights and responsibilities as learners and setting strong routines and expectations for the school year.

Our Inquiry topic this term is 'Helpers in the Hood' where students will learn about our wonderful community helpers and where they are in our local community. This unit will look at the facilities available to us in Diamond Creek and how we use them. We will also look at safety in our homes and on the roads.



## HOME LEARNING

Grade 1/2 children will begin home learning in week 4. Children will be given spelling words to learn by choosing 3 different activities to do for the week. Children will bring home their books each Monday and will need to return them on Friday morning. Children will have a spelling test each Friday. Please ensure your child practises their words a few times. It is essential that all children read every night to mum or dad. After reading, a chat about the book and some casual questions always helps with comprehension. Children are expected to change their own books most mornings, after the bell.

## PERMISSION FORMS

Please return permission forms ASAP so that we can update our records.

General Consent forms (white)  
First Aid (green)  
Parent helpers (blue)  
Parent survey (yellow)

## LIBRARY BAGS and ART SMOCKS

Please ensure your child has a library bag for their library sessions. They won't be able to borrow books without them.

1/2M- Monday

1/2G -

1/2R

Students will also need an art smock ready for next week. Please make sure these are clearly labelled with your child's name.



## COMMUNICATION



Education is a partnership between students, teachers and parents. If there are ever any concerns, queries and even positive feedback, please feel free to approach us, or simply write us a note or send us an email. If you require a longer discussion time it may be a good idea to make an appointment with your child's teacher. You can also contact the office through Tiqbiz.

Please inform us of:

- any medical conditions ASAP
- absences
- any changes within the family

All forms are to be returned to the classroom teacher and payments may be included in the envelope with the form or paid at the office, or over the phone

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