

Grade 1/2 Newsletter Term 4 2014



Dear Grade 1/2 Families,

Welcome back to Term 4. We are all excited and busy practising for the Concert!

SPECIALIST TIMETABLE TERM 4 2014

Please note the timetable occasionally changes to accommodate special events and other factors

	HG 4	HG 21	HG 22	HG 23	HG 24
Monday	P.E	P.E		P.E	
Tuesday	Science Library				Library P.E.
Wednesday	Performing Arts	Performing Arts Science	Performing Arts Science	Performing Arts Science	Science Performing Arts
Thursday		Library	P.E Library	Library	
Friday					

LITERACY

Home Reading and Library

How can you help at home?

- Reading at home should be on a regular basis (about 10 – 15 minutes daily).
- Enjoy reading to and with your child. Establishing a regular routine of reading daily is one of the best ways of developing lifelong positive attitudes to reading.
- Assist your child with learning the spelling codes in their spelling books.

Reading strategies

At Morang South Primary School we aim to provide students with various reading strategies. Some reading strategies to promote at home are:

- Check for understanding – ask your child some simple questions about the text they read. Can they recall the main facts and tell the story in sequence?
- Use the pictures – encourage your child to look at the pictures in the book when decoding tricky words.
- Break the word into parts – for example: rainbow (rain bow)
- Cross checking – Does it look right? Does it sound right? Does it make sense?

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 3 Tuesday 21/10: school concert

Friday 24/10 Puppet Show and workshop notice and money due back.

Week 4: Wednesday 29/10 and Thursday 30/10. Puppet Show and Puppet making workshops.

Week 5 Monday 3/11 - Pupil free Day

Tuesday 4/11 – Cup Day

Friday 7/11- Grade 2 Sleepover

Week 6 Puppet Project information goes home.

Week 9: Tuesday 2/12 Grade 1 /2 excursion to Myer Windows

Friday 5/12 – Puppet project due back and Open Day session to view children's projects (further details to follow later in term)

Week 11: Monday 15/ 12 – evening Christmas Carols on the turf

PARENT HELPERS

We would love to have some more parent helpers to assist with the morning reading programs. If you are able to help, please see your child's classroom teacher. A Working with Children Check is required.

APPOINTMENTS

If you wish to discuss any issues at length, please make an appointment with your child's teacher to ensure that adequate time is available.

MATHEMATICS

During Term 4, our focus for number will be on revision of all the concepts covered this year and further extending the children with their understandings of all areas. We will also continue to conduct regular sessions on problem solving.

How can you help at home?

- Practise counting with your child by different numbers from varied starting points.
- Encourage your child to search for numbers and to name them.
- Count small amounts of money with your child and help them exchange a handful of coins for a coin of equal value
- Allow your child to pay for small items at the shops
- Discuss time by talking about the times your family undertake their particular routines. For example - What time does your child go to bed at night and get up in the morning? What time does your family eat their evening meal together?

INTEGRATED STUDIES

Our Integrated topic for Term 4 is a Technology unit focused on Puppets. We have a professional Puppet Show company coming in on the Wednesday and Thursday of week 4.

All children will take part in a workshop and watch an exciting puppet play.

HOMEWORK

Homework continues to focus on weekly spelling based on the codes and spelling rules. There will be no spelling words in week 5. Week 9 will be our last week of new spelling words as the last 2 weeks will be time for revision of this term's rules.

Please encourage your children to read regularly even as we head into the very busy time of year!

Thank you for your ongoing support and assistance.

Kind Regards from the Grade 1/2 Team

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MYER WINDOWS EXCURSION

Tuesday December 2nd

To tie in with our Puppet unit, our last excursion of the year will enable the children see the wonderful puppetry that is featured annually in Myers Window display. A note will follow later in the term.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Please encourage your child to leave their special belongings, particularly toys, at home as they often distract students in class, and get lost or broken.

Please ensure all clothing and belongings are clearly labelled.



Wish List

*We would appreciate donations of boxes of tissues and paper towel.

We still go through considerable tissues at this time of the year and classroom budgets are exhausted.

* Each child to bring a glue stick to school as we are very low on these!

* cleaning sponges