
Term One

Level 1 & 2 Newsletter

Welcome to Level 1 & 2. We have made a terrific start to the year. For the first few weeks school routines will be the focus. We are revisiting our Virtues, Zones of Regulation and our school virtues. These are excellence, respect and empathy. For integrated this term our focus is Australia, its First People and Aboriginal Culture. Cyber safety, correct use and handling of iPads and Coding will be an area of focus during ICT.

Literacy

Reading during term one is all about practising what good readers do and how to read independently and with a buddy. It is also about making connections with things they may read or listen to, along with visualising and predicting things about the text. To help us read words accurately we will be focusing on the strategies, Stretchy Snake- stretching out each sound in a word, Chunky Monkey- chunking words into sounds and Flippy Frog- trying the long and the short vowel sound.

Home Readers will be sent home in the coming weeks, please ensure you have the blue take home bag at school, (if you haven't already), so we can begin to organise the children's books. Home reading is such an important part in your child's reading journey and their success. Please fill in the children's reading log every night that they read.

During Writing we will focus on writing a response to a visual or a text and writing a narrative. Students will continue to work on their presentation and letter formation. Spelling will also be a focus throughout the year. This year we will be doing the DIPL program and there will be weekly spelling words sent home on a Tuesday for the children to practise.



Upcoming Events

February 17

Meet & Greet Night

March 2

Family Fun Night

March 6

Curriculum Day- no students required at school

March 9

Labour Day Public Holiday

March 27

Last Day of Term 1

April 14

First Day of Term 2

April 27

Anzac Day Public Holiday

Dismissal

Students will be dismissed from their classroom. Please ensure you have a meeting spot that your child is familiar with. Thank you.

Maths

Our Maths focus is Number and Place Value. Counting forwards and backwards, looking for patterns, knowing their 'friends of ten', odd and even numbers. We will continue to look at subitising throughout the term. Later in the term we move into the areas of 2D shapes, location and transformation, fractions and chance.

Meet & Greet Night

Monday 17th February 5:00pm all parents are welcome to come along to our Meet & Greet Night for a BBQ and a short information session in your child's year level about the year ahead. Any general questions can be answered and it's a great way to meet and chat with our friendly staff.

Timetable

	Art	Music	P.E.	Library	AUSLAN
1/2 A	Tuesday	Monday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday
1/2 D	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday
1/2 F	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday
1/2 G	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Friday	Monday
1/2 P	Tuesday	Monday	Tuesday	Friday	Tuesday

Parent Helpers

We will be sending home a parent helpers notice very soon. It will ask if you can help in the classroom and your available times. Please keep an eye out for this over the coming weeks. Once we have collected the replies we will notify you of your timeslot. Thanks in advance. You have to have completed the parent helpers course and have a current Working With Children's Check.

Family Fun Night

Monday 2nd March at 5:30pm is our Family Fun Night. Everyone is welcome to come along for some fun and games run by Peter Harris our school Chaplin. Come along for lots of activities like face painting, Jaffa smashing, lion targets, sumo wrestling and much more. Sausages and a drink can be purchased from the canteen. We hope to see you all there!

Canteen

The Canteen is open every Friday lunchtime for over the counter sales. Students are allowed to bring a small amount of money to spend at the canteen during lunchtime. Canteen menus will be sent home shortly. Lunch orders are also available on a Monday. Any parent volunteers willing to help in the canteen would be greatly appreciated.

HAPPINESS is
seeing the
SMILE on a
child's **FACE** as
they **LEARN**

Assembly

Every Friday at 3:00pm parents and friends are invited to attend our whole school assembly in the GP Room. Each week there is a small presentation of students work and student of the week awards are handed out.

Communication

We have a variety of ways we communicate with our school community. Your child needs to bring their red communication folder each day in case notices come home.

Each fortnight a school newsletter is uploaded to our website and emailed out to parents and each term there is a newsletter specifically for Level 1 & 2 students.

'Like" the Chirnside Park Primary School Facebook page for updates and notifications of what is happening in the school along with great photos of what the students are up to.

Flexibuzz is an app to download to your phone as the school use it to communicate messages as well. See the office if you unsure about this please.

Phone calls and emails are used to communicate with parents however please do not hesitate to contact your teacher if you have any concerns or worries about your child.

We will make contact with each of you over the next week or so to have a chat and let you know how your children are settling into their new class.

Please do not hesitate to contact your teacher if you have any concerns or worries about your child:

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TISSUES

We would greatly appreciate donations of tissues and wet wipes to each classroom please.

Thank you.

LIBRARY

Please note that Library sessions will begin very soon and we are keen for the children to bring along their Library bags so they can borrow each week. The children are allowed to borrow two Picture Story Books during term one.



