Year Two
Newsletter
Week 5 - February 27th 2015

What’s Coming Up

- Labour Day Holiday - Monday 9th March
- School Open Garden - 14th-15th March
- Drum Theatre Excursion Grade ½ - 18th March
- End of Term One 2:30pm Finish - Friday 27th March

Homework Expectations

In year two, we expect that every child will read for 10-15 minutes each night and record what they have read in their diary (for example ‘Fantastic Mr. Fox’ read to page 6) with a parent signature.

We will be starting our spelling program in a few weeks. Each child will receive 6 words from a personal spelling list that will be practiced at home and tested at school on a Friday morning.

What we are learning in Literacy and Numeracy

- In writing we have been focusing on building mental images from words - that is visualization and using adjectives to describe what we see.
- During our Independent Reading we have been focusing on Visualizing and the importance of creating pictures in our heads when reading and listening to stories. We are using all the 5 senses of sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell to help with our visualizing.
- In Maths we have been investigating length, and looking at circumference using wool to measure.
- We have been using MAB blocks and number cards to practice our place value in Maths.
- Students have been practicing independent reading, and sharing our text-to-world connections.
REMINDERS

School Reader Cover

Please ensure that school reader covers are coming into school each day, with their readers and diaries.

Me Bags

Our Me Bag speaking and listening presentations have been terrific! We have seen some very confident speakers present their very special items they have brought in, and the audience have been very respectful listeners, who have asked questions and given wonderful comments as feedback to the speaker. We look forward to seeing and listening to further Me Bag presentations in the coming weeks.

Spelling

We have started spelling lists, which we will be doing on Fridays after assembly. The children have 3 words this week to begin with, but we will be extending this including words with a ‘long A’ sound from next week. We appreciate all the assistance from those who have indicated they are able to help out on Friday mornings when convenient.
The Patch Primary School Open Garden Weekend

Our multi award-winning two acre school garden with an emphasis on sustainability, designed and implemented by our students, will be open to the public on March 14/15 where you can enjoy their efforts in a village fete atmosphere. There will be wood-fired pizzas, a sausage sizzle, coffee cart and lots of wholesome food. Live music will be playing and you’ll be able to buy plants, garden related items and local produce.
The year 3/4 students will take tours of the wetlands, and there will also be talks on designing children’s landscapes and suitable plant selection by guest lecturers in the library.
Special free activities for children include scarecrow making, miniature garden making and art activities.

Volunteers are needed in all classes to assist with the event. Please speak to your child’s teacher to see how you may help and bring your friends along for a fun-filled weekend.

What: The Patch Primary School Open Garden Event
When: Saturday March 14 and Sunday March 15; 10am – 4.30pm.
Why: Our major fundraiser for the year and a way to showcase and promote our school
Cost: Adults $8, U18 free
Parking: gold coin donation (CFA)