



# Grade 1 Newsletter

**June 6, 2017**

## Important Dates

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Queens Birthday  
Public Holiday

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Taikoz Musica Viva  
Whole school  
incursion

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

Parents coffee  
morning

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

Reports go home

### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

3 way conferences

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

3 way conferences

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

End of Term  
2.30 pick up

Dear Grade 1 families,

Welcome to Week 8 of Term 2!

Again, this year our beautiful Grade 1 students will be presenting to their families at our 3 way conferences.

This interview is for 15 minutes and it is a chance for your child to share their wonderful work with you.

You will receive your child's report on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. If you have any concerns please contact us for a separate interview.

### **Daytime sessions:**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of June from 8:30am - 12:30pm

### **Evening sessions:**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of June from 4pm - 7pm.

Bookings are available via Sentral's 'Parent Portal'- same process as the 'Get to know you' interviews earlier this year.

Parent Portal link: <https://sentral.thepatchps.vic.edu.au/portal/login>

**Just a reminder that Stomp the beat payments are due Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June at 9.00am. No late payments will be accepted. Thanks to those who have already paid. Contact the office if alternative arrangements need to be made.**

Megan and Tania : )

## NUMERACY NEWS

In numeracy we are looking at graphing, data and statistics. We have been acting as meteorologists, collecting data on weather and in the next few weeks will be graphing this information using pictures and symbols.



To support the learning in the classroom, we encourage you to practice skip counting at home (or in the car) by 2's, 5's and 10's!

## Literacy corner

*Last Term we sent home the decoding strategies learnt in Prep and we have spent the first half of this term recapping these guys and what they do!*

*Last week we began introducing comprehension strategies as it is equally as important for students to understand what they read as it is to decode.*

*Our first furry friend is Questioning Owl! Questioning owl asks questions about the text before, during and after reading. Talk to your child about Questioning Owl and use this as a prompt when listening to them read.*

*Reminder that all nightly reading should be recorded in their diaries. You will also find in their diary their weekly spelling words.*

# STEM

We are extremely excited about our STEM unit this term, which is all about weather, seasons and clothing! Students will be designing clothing that is appropriate for our school and the weather conditions. We will be investigating materials and determining which will be most suitable for outside learning i.e. rain and cold temperatures. **In order to test materials, we kindly ask for donations of scraps of different materials. For example:**

- Plastic, wool, scrap fabric, buttons etc.

**Any donations to our STEM program would be greatly appreciated and will add to the authenticity of our learning. Please bring any donations in a plastic bag. We thank you!**



So far we have tested polar fleece and cotton to determine absorbency. In our triads, we have investigated these materials when dry and wet, describing them using adjectives and determining whether or not they are water proof.





# The Patch Open Day

Thank you to our lovely families who popped their heads in for a visit during our Open Day STEM session. We hope you enjoyed learning about our waterproof sculptures and visiting our school!

