



Foundation Year

Term 1 Newsletter
February 9th, 2018

A fabulous start!

Welcome to the new Foundation year at Montrose Primary School. We hope everyone had a relaxing holiday and that you are as excited as we are for the year ahead.

It has been lovely to see how calmly and happily the children have settled into their new grades. A big thank you to all families for your positivity and help with this transition.



NEWSFLASH!

Tues 20 th Feb	First Aid in Schools (Foundation to Year 6) THRASS Information Sessions (ELC) Session 1: 3:30 – 5:00pm Session 2: 7:00 – 8:30pm
Mon 26 th Feb	School Photos
Fri 2 nd Mar	Our wonderful Twilight Fair!
Mon 5 th Mar	Our incredible students begin 5 full days of school!
Tues 6 th Mar	Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:00pm – 8:30pm
Mon 12 th Mar	Labour Day – Public Holiday
Fri 23 rd Mar	Student Free Day No children attend school today
Thurs 29 th Mar	Last day of Term 1 (2.30pm finish). <i>Congratulations kids! Happy Holidays!</i>
Mon 16 th Apr	Term 2 commences - <i>Welcome back everyone!</i>

Reminders for you...

- Lunch Orders**

Lunch orders are on Wednesday and Friday. Children can bring money on these days to purchase items from the canteen at recess and lunchtime. Please place money into small wallets or sealed, named plastic bags.

- Hats**

All students are required to wear their hats in Term 1 and Term 4.



Your Foundation Team Teachers for 2018:

- Mrs. Kate Ruck (FKR)
- Mrs. Veronica Paps (FVP)
- Miss Nicola Johnson (FNJ)
- Miss Christie Gilder (FCG)



Please Note:

Hot Words:

Inside your child's reader bag will also be their current 'Hot Words'. These high frequency words can be practised nightly and will assist your child with their reading development.

Red Folders:

These folders are our main means of communication. All notices, notes and receipts etc. will/can be placed in these folders. *It is important that these folders come to school each day – thank you!*

Informal Chats:

We are happy to chat informally before or after school regarding issues concerning your child. However, with greater demands in before and after school meetings, it may be wise to make an appointment if you feel you require more time. In the mornings 5 minutes to 9:00am is a difficult time as we are finalising our daily set up for the day.



For Your Information...

Our Term 1 Integrated Unit:

This term our integrated unit is "Me and My Family". Our focus will be on our different family dynamics and how our families make and contribute to our local and wider communities.

You Can Do It! Getting Along!

This Term's You Can Do It key for success is 'Getting Along'. We will be using our habits of the mind to support this key which are: 'thinking first', 'playing by the rules' and 'being tolerant of others'.

Home Reading!

Please feel free to decorate your child's reader bag so they can easily identify it.



Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, students need to bring their reader folder to school. They will select 2 books that they will bring home to read until the next change over day. Students are required to read nightly and we would appreciate it if you can log their reading in their "My Home Reading" Journal.

Books can be read WITH, TO or INDEPENDENTLY by your child. Initially students may need to MAKE UP or PREDICT the story through the illustrations, which is very much encouraged. Please read the "My Home Reading" Journal's introduction (pages 2 to 5) as well as pages 9, 19, 25, 47, 55, 67 and the back page. These pages include instructions and tips of how to effectively read with your child.

Our Specialist Timetable:

Monday: Art
(All Foundation Grades)

Tuesday: LOTE
(All Foundation Grades)

Wednesday – Library
(All Foundation Grades)

Thursday – Drama
(All Foundation Grades)

PE (FNJ & FVP)

Friday – PE
(FCG & FKR)

Assembly

Values & WOW Certificates are presented weekly.



Reading to your child is an important part of their Literacy development and it will help encourage their own love of literature.