



Grade 1 & 2 Newsletter



Hello and welcome back!

We hope you had a fun and relaxing holiday and are refreshed, ready for an exciting term ahead!

For the first 2 weeks of school, students partake in the Effective and Engaging Classroom Program. This program sets a positive tone for the year ahead, building strong relationships in the classroom and ensuring that students feel supported and happy.

Home Reading:

This week, your child will bring home their Reading Log. This will be used all year to document your child's home reading. Information on how to use the log and helpful tips on reading with your child are included on the first few pages, so please take the time to read through these. Please aim to read most nights, as the more your child reads, the more they will learn! A love of reading is a gift that your child will use and enjoy their whole life.

Homework:

Homework books will be sent home on Monday the 19th of February. Each week students will get a list of words focusing on our weekly THRASS sound, as well as personal Hot Words and optional challenge words. Please discuss these words with your child to build their vocabulary, as well as practising spelling. Ideas for practising spelling words will be stuck in the cover of homework books to give lots of fun and interactive ways to practise words. Practising spelling should be fun and engaging, rather than a chore at the end of a long and tiring day!

Grade 1 & 2 Blog:

This year we will be having a classroom blog up and running. It will enable our students to post their work and show what they have been learning about, so you at home can easily access it. We will be starting it a little later on this term. The link is:

<http://grade12montrose.global2.vic.edu.au/>



Hats & Drink Bottles

During Term 1 & 4 students are required to wear a hat outside. If your child forgets or loses their hat they will need to play in the shade for that day. With all the hot weather, students are encouraged to have a drink bottle on their desks to minimise class disruption running to the drink taps.

Important Term 1 dates:

5/2: Parents Helper Course 2:45pm
6/2: Parent Helper Course 7pm
20/2: First Aid in schools program
20/2: THRASS information session (3:30pm & 7pm)
26/2: School Photos
2/3: Twilight Fair
5/3: Chinese Incursion
6/3: Parent Teacher Interviews
12/3: Labour Day
23/3: Student Free Day
29/3: Last Day of Term 1 (2.30pm finish)
30/3: Good Friday

Bell Times:

9:00: School starts.
 11:30: Recess.
 12:10: End recess.
 1:50: Lunch eating time
 2:00: Lunch play time.
 2:40: End lunch time.
 3:30: Dismissal.

Early and Late arrivals:

If your child arrives to school late, or is departing school early, they must be signed in/out at the computer at the office first. Here you will be given an early leaver or late pass to present to the classroom teacher.

Parent Helpers:

To be a parent helper in the classroom you must have a current Working With Children Check, have signed the Code of Conduct and attended a parent helper information session. Teachers will organise their own classroom helpers, so please see your child's teacher if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Sentral:

Parents can contact teachers using the Sentral system. Each family has access through the Parents' Portal. You can send a message to your child's teacher once you have logged in to Sentral. You can use the messaging system or still come in, call or email the school if there is anything you wish to discuss with us throughout the year.

Brain Food

A reminder that students break for brain food every day in the first session. Brain food includes any fruit or vegetable in its raw form. Fruit in syrup, jelly or in a packet can be enjoyed at snack times.