

MEPS Level 2 Newsletter

The Level 2 Team...

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the 2022 school year! We have been blown away by such excellent behaviours with all the year 2 students. Our focus has been on wellbeing and the school values to begin the year.

Our school values are Be responsible, Be Your Best, Be Respectful, Be Caring, Be Safe. This is the language we use to promote positive behaviour and to remind students when these behaviours aren't being shown, please feel free to continue to use this language at home.

Our learning for this term is:

In literacy sessions, students will develop writing ideas within their Writer's Notebooks to support their understanding of the writing process. We will begin text-based literacy sessions where students will link their interests and experiences to text-features within a focus text. We are beginning with the book *Going Places* by Peter and Paul Reynolds. We will be improving our accuracy and learning strategies to help us to decode unfamiliar words when reading.

In numeracy we will be focusing our attention on revising place value, counting patterns and learning about location and graphing.

Through Inquiry we will be focusing on the exploration of scientific forces using toys.

Our Wellbeing focus is on Respectful Relationships and our character strengths of Teamwork, Kindness, Self regulation and Social Intelligence.

Housekeeping things...

Hats: Please check that your child has a named hat. Students are required to wear hats during outdoor activities and at play-times in Terms 1 and 4. We recommend that students leave their hats in their schoolbags or at school in their bag boxes, so that they don't forget to bring them to school.

Food & Drink: Brain Food (chopped fruit and vegies) can be eaten during a specified time and is separate from recess and lunch foods. It should be healthy, portable and non-messy so students can eat and work at the same time. Students should also bring a refillable, non-spill water bottle to drink from throughout the day.

Student Absences: If your child is away from school for any reason we require notification through either School Stream or a note to your child's teacher. This is a legal requirement.

School Supplies: Please ensure that all student supplies are sent back to school. Each item has a purpose and will be used from the start of the year. There are quite a few students with no coloured pencils, you will need to supply these as they weren't in student packs.

Parent/Teacher Interviews: We are looking forward to meeting you all online, but please be aware that these interviews are a chance for parents to share any important information with their child's teacher. As we have only had students for a couple of weeks we will not be giving you an update on how your child is going academically.

DIARY DATES

Parent Teacher Interviews

16/3

Labour Day

14/3

House Athletics Day

17/3

Legoland

TBA

Last day of Term 1

1/4



Please return the conference questionnaire before your interview



Please ensure your child has coloured pencils for school.

Homework & Reading

Home Reading: Research has proven that regular reading at home can drastically improve academic success. Students in Level two should aim to read for at least 10-15 minutes every week night to reinforce the skills they are learning. Books are available for students to take home, however they are welcome to read books of their own too. Students are encouraged to choose 'Good Fit' books that they can read independently. *In Level two we swap our take home books over on a Thursday (the same days as library) and ask that students take enough books to read for the whole week.*

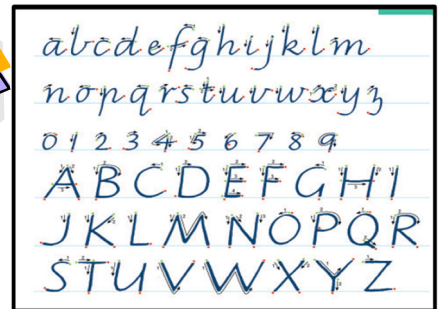
Homework: At times during the year we may send home a variety of activities for your child to complete. This may include maths games, spelling words, activities or tasks that may need some input from an adult. These tasks should only take about 15 to 30 minutes over the course of a week. We want children to still have time to play, do chores, and participate in other family activities!

Not sure what to practise at home? Can your child...

Count to 100 and beyond by 1s, 2s, 5s & 10s

Use Doubles & Near Doubles ($2+2=4$ so $2+3=5$)

Identify maths concepts in everyday activities (eg. 3-digit numbers on car numberplates, give money and receive change, measure length and mass)



Is your child isolating at home due to covid?...

Your teacher will be in contact with you and will provide your child with some home learning. Your child's health is the number one priority and if they are unable to complete any learning that is ok.



TIMETABLES

2A

2B

Monday

Auslan

Wednesday

Music

Art

Thursday

library

Friday

Physical Education

Wednesday

Music

Art

Auslan

Thursday

library

Friday

Physical Education



REMEMBER...

You can always drop us an email
if this is easier for you

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