



Term 2

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had some time to relax over the holidays you've all come back ready to learn! We have obviously had a change in staff with Mr Fleming coming on board for the remainder of the year. There's lots of exciting things happening this term in level 2- most notably the excursion to the Melbourne Zoo towards the end of this term as part of our inquiry unit. Hope you all have a fantastic term here at Mt Evelyn Primary.

Literacy

This term, students will be continuing to focus on text-based literacy. They will be diving into the book 'Stellaluna' by Janell Cannon and Exploring different areas of the author's vocabulary and how this affects the meaning of piece of text. We will be looking at predicting which types of words are used in a text as well as improving our ability to link texts with our own experiences to create deeper meaning. We will also seek to gain a greater understanding of the different types of texts we can come across. In Direct Literacy Instruction, we will continue to work on developing students' skills in vowel teams, plurals, contractions and homophones. Students will also learn various irregular words to enhance their reading and writing skills.

Numeracy

For numeracy this term, students will be focusing on building their addition and subtraction skills through the development of numerous strategies to assist in making it easier to add and subtract small numbers. Students will be active and involved learners throughout the process and we will be using blocks and counters to help students develop these important skills. These skills will then be used to gain a greater understanding of Australian currency later in the term.

Inquiry

This term our inquiry unit will be all about gaining a greater understanding of the earth. We'll be delving into how the earth was formed as well as the structure of the earth itself. We'll then dive into the different habitats and environments that can be found all across our wonderful planet. We'll be looking at different animals and their adaptations that help them survive in their environment. This unit will be topped off with a trip to the Melbourne Zoo to help the students further develop their understanding of different habitats.

Friendly Reminders:

- Please label your child's hats, drink bottles, containers etc.
- Notices & Readers sent home on **Thursdays**
- **Canteen closed Monday & Tuesday**

Melbourne Zoo excursion

On Tuesday, June 21st, level two students will travel by bus to the Melbourne Zoo.

This is the culmination of our Inquiry into 'our wonderful world'

please remember to wear school uniform and bring a warm, water-proof jacket.

Your child will also need a backpack with their snack, lunch and a bottle with water in it.

Please pack plenty of food for your child for the day!



Upcoming Events

- May 13th** – Curriculum Day
- May 23rd** – Education Week
- June 13th** – Queen's Birthday Holiday

June 14th- School production rehearsals commence

June 21st- – Level two excursion to Melbourne Zoo

Slippers

During term two and term three we experience cold and wet weather. We are encouraging students to bring slippers or thick bed socks to school to wear in the classroom.

If they could be brought to school starting in week four, and either stay at school indefinitely or go home on Friday afternoons. This way students will keep warm and dry in class even if their school shoes have got wet during recess. (a second pair of inside shoes would be ok instead of slippers too!)

Any concerns?

Please ensure you make contact with your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

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