

## Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) Parent Information - Term 2, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Term 2, it has definitely started off with much excitement in all of our Year 1 and Year 2 classes. We send a warm welcome to all our new students and families who have recently joined Westmead Public School. We are looking forward to continuing to work closely with you and your child. Welcome back Mrs Palombi (Miss Ellis) replacing Mrs West on 1W for the remainder of the year.

### SCHOOL PLAN 2018-2020

Strategic direction 1: High engagement, Inspired learning: To ensure all students are inspired to learn and experience success and progress through learning that is challenging and is situated in authentic and meaningful contexts. Students are highly engaged through quality learning across the curriculum that is evidence –based and provides equity and improvement for all.

Strategic direction 2: Connect and Grow: To ensure that every child knows that they are valued and cared for. Teachers and the school nurture, guide and challenge students to be increasingly self-motivated, confident and creative individuals whose individual potential is developed and grown.

Strategic direction 3: Proactive Partnerships: To ensure that collaborative, positive partnerships are built with students, staff, families, communities and other organisations to support and develop students and the school.

### ENGLISH

English outcomes continue to support the achievement of our school targets. Speaking and listening enables our students to clarify their ideas, explore issues, solve problems and develop understandings of all Key Learning Areas. Our students develop reading skills, strategies and comprehension through modelled, guided and independent reading experiences. Students develop handwriting, spelling, grammar and writing skills through integrated lessons. In writing, the aim for students is to create cohesive imaginative, informative and persuasive texts. This term Year 1 will be using Bug Club as an online reading program.

### MATHEMATICS

The strands of Mathematics are Number and Algebra, Statistics and Probability, and Measurement and Geometry. The process strand, Working Mathematically is embedded into the three strands. All students in Stage 1 participate in differentiated activities which teach students explicit skills and concepts to support learning in numeracy.

### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY

Classes will be covering the following units this term:

**Science:** Material and Physical World

**Geography:** People and Places

### CREATIVE ARTS

The strands of Creative Arts are Visual Arts, Music, Drama and Dance. This term Year 1 and Year 2 will participate in whole grade singing and music.

### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH and PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students deepen their knowledge and understanding of Road and Home Safety this term through class PDH programs. Stage 1 will continue to participate in sport on a Thursday focusing on athletics skills leading up to our athletics carnival in Term 3.

Parent Teacher interviews will be held in week 10 this term. Reports are sent home to parents at the end of week 9. Should you have any questions before then, please make an appointment to see your child's teacher so the matter can be discussed at an appropriate time.

Keep up to date with current school events and information by signing up to the school newsletter and joining our school Twitter account.



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We look forward to continuing to work with you and your child this term.

**Mr Jenkins**  
Principal  
May 2017

**Mrs Smith**  
Deputy Principal

**Miss Pillay and Mrs Brown**  
Relieving Assistant Principals

**Stage 1 Teachers**