

STAGE 1 OVERVIEW - TERM 4 2025

Welcome back to another busy and fun-filled term of learning. Thank you again for your ongoing support and cooperation in working with us to provide the best for your children. As we are coming to the end of the school year it is important that students maintain regular attendance. Make sure you jump onto Facebook and follow Vardys Road Public School if you're not already. We love to share pictures and descriptions of what the students are doing in and outside the classroom. What a great way to engage in conversations about your child's learning ☺

TERM 4 LEARNING FOCUS:

English: This term, students will be engaging in public speaking with this year's theme being 'Heroes'. Just a reminder that Topic Talks will commence in the second week of term and winners from each grade will present their speech at Presentation Day at the end of the term.

Year 1 will explore the concepts 'context' and 'perspective' through quality literature in whole class lessons. They will continue to focus on phonics, parts of speech and punctuation in writing while focusing on fluency and phrasing in reading. Year 1 students will continue to expand their vocabulary by engaging in lessons that explore the meaning of unfamiliar words encountered in reading material and practise using new terminology in their writing.

This term, Year 2 will be reading a variety of stories that explore how different authors portray characterisation. They will continue reading a variety of informative and imaginative texts in reading groups with a focus on fluency and comprehension. In writing, Year 2 will be focussing on consolidating their understanding of simple, compound and complex sentences as well as including interesting vocabulary, similes and speech in their creative writing.

TERM 4 LIBRARY DAYS

1 Mint	1 Shamrock	1/2 Apple	2 Ivy	2 Palm
Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday

Mathematics: Stage 1 students will continue to engage in a variety of hands-on experiences that develop their conceptual understanding of mathematical concepts. Students are encouraged to make connections between strands and are learning to be more flexible with their thinking. Engaging in daily reviews and problem-solving activities will help to support student understanding and application of mathematical skills and concepts.

Science & Technology: Students will engage in a unit of work where they will describe common forms of energy and explore some characteristics of sound energy. This hands-on unit will provide opportunities for students to produce different sounds by blowing, scraping, striking and shaking. They will observe musical instruments from different cultures and explore how the volume and pitch of a sound can be changed.

History: This term, Stage 1 will be exploring different celebrations from around the world. They will identify the origins of important days and events celebrated by their family and the community. Students will explain why a personal, family or community event is important and talk about the lives of people from different cultural backgrounds. Students will investigate the origins of important days and events celebrated by families in other countries.

Creative and Performing Arts: In Creative and Performing Arts this term, we will be focussing on Music. Students will explore musical concepts such as beat, rhythm and tempo. They will perform different types of body percussion and compose their own music using symbols. The dynamics, structure and pitch of music will be investigated by Stage 1 students when singing and moving to music. For those students in the Stage 1 Dance Group or Stage 1 Choir, we will be holding our annual Verve Concert where these groups can showcase their talents. Be sure to look out for more information about this exciting event!

Sport and PDHPE: McDonald will continue to provide PDHPE lessons to all students focussing on physical activities as well as exploring a variety of health concepts. For sport this term, Stage 1 students will participate in a variety of organised sports in preparation for Interschool Sport and will run every Wednesday. Please ensure your child wears their sports uniform on Wednesday and brings their school hat and water bottle.

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PDHPE	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday	Tuesday

TEACHER CONTACT: If you have any queries or concerns about your child's learning, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

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