Importance of physical activity

I would like to share with you that physical activity has been linked with improved learning. Not only does physical activity improve children’s fitness and gross motor skills, it has also been shown to improve how well students learn with students that are physically more active, becoming better learners. Please support your child in their learning by helping them to be active.

The More They Burn
The Better They Learn

Did you know that kids who are physically active get better grades?

Research shows that students who earn mostly A’s are almost twice as likely to get regular physical activity than students who receive mostly B’s and F’s.

Physical activity can help students focus, improve behavior and boost positive attitudes. Do what you can to help your child be physically active, be it running, biking or swimming. Any type of physical activity is good, and 60 minutes a day is best. Their grades will thank you!

Family Wellbeing

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Welcome back everyone and a BIG welcome to our new families. We hope you enjoy being part of our school community.

We had a great and smooth start to 2017.

We welcome Arsh in C8. She will be taking C8 for 5 weeks while Mrs Iannotti is on leave. Sue Reding will be taking a well earned break this year.

We also welcome back Shelly as our finance officer while Dawn is still on leave.

We recently sent a plea for volunteers to support learning at our school. If you have any time available please come and see us in the front office.

Just a reminder…… Please remember to keep to the speed limit around our school. We have had a number of families approach us concerned about the speed some cars are doing around our school. Be mindful of children especially in the afternoon and please be patient.

We will be having Acquaintance Night in the next couple of weeks. This will be a great opportunity to find out what learning will be happening in your child’s class and especially what the expectations will be and how you can best support your children at home.

Hope to see you there.

Acquaintance Night
Wednesday
1st March
5.30pm - 7.15pm
Dear Parents

Welcome to room C8!

Our theme for term 1 is “All About Me”. We will be learning about My Family, My Body and My School.

We are already working very hard to learn our alphabet sounds and develop our reading, cutting, drawing and colouring skills.

We will be doing a lot of writing, with a major focus on learning how to write Recounts.

In Maths we will be participating in hands on activities to help us learn.

We will learn:

- To count by naming numbers in sequence to and from 20
- How to connect numerals and quantities
- To copy, continue and create patterns with objects and drawings
- The everyday language of location and direction, such as “between”, ‘near’, ‘next to’ and ‘forward’

As part of the Child Protection Curriculum we will be learning about my feelings/emotions and how to be safe.

Welcome to the 2017 school year. I trust that it will be a fruitful, happy and challenging year.

The first few weeks will involve time spent on building up class routines and expectations, setting personal learning goals and ensuring that class members feel safe to voice their opinions, challenge their thinking and improve their growth mindsets. We began last week with ‘Icebreaker’ and ‘getting to know you’ activities.

In Numeracy, our focus will be on Number and Place Value – identifying and describing factors and multiples, using estimation and rounding, solving problems involving multiplication and division and applying digital technologies such as the calculator. Students will also practise daily mental strategies through games and routines.

Spelling units will focus on the sounds in English and develop the student’s understanding of vocabulary using sound, visuals, meaning, connecting and checking strategies.

In writing we will look at the structure of recounts and narratives and their associated language features. Each child will have a writing goal and refer to it as a focus in their learning. A ‘Bump It Up Wall’ will be used so that the children can see what stage they are up to and what the next stage looks like.

Opportunities will be provided to develop their speaking and listening skills through discussion, meetings and oral presentations.

Our first investigation will be Australian History where students will gain an understanding of our shared past. Topics will cover early settlement, convict and colonial life, discoveries, the impact of major events that shaped our country, workers from overseas and Great Australians.

Tania Meus (C23)

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Physical Education

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and active holiday!

Saturday morning soccer competition – boys and girls

Over the last 6 years we have entered several teams into a Saturday morning soccer competition organised by the North West Junior Soccer Association. We are hoping to do the same again this year. A note has gone home to find out how many students are interested so that we can begin to organise teams. Students who have played in previous years have enjoyed the competition and had a lot of fun playing with friends. We encourage all students, boys and girls, to join in and have fun. Games begin in term 2 and continue through term 3. Please return your note as soon as possible. We are also looking for parents to volunteer as coaches.

Curriculum - Junior Primary

The focus in term 1 will be on students participating in fun physical activities and games to promote the development of their fundamental movement skills. They include the locomotor skills of running, dodging, skipping, jumping, leaping and galloping. The ball control skills of catching, throwing, kicking and striking, and the body management skills of balance and turning.

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Students will begin the term playing cooperative games to develop their teamwork, sporting behaviour and cooperation skills. Following this, students will participate in activities and games associated with tennis or golf. Tennis and golf have a strong etiquette of fair play and good sportsmanship. Students will be able to develop the skills associated with tennis or golf and develop their understanding of the games and associated strategies.

During the second half of the term, the focus will be on increasing students’ knowledge and understanding of the games, basketball and European handball, while developing their ball handling skills, including bouncing, dribbling, shooting, passing and catching.

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Canteen

Mondays and Wednesdays

this term.

Ice Blocks

available during all hot days.

$1.00
Hello and welcome to a new year.

A special welcome to our new students, Jai Williams and William Phillips, and their families.

In our classroom we will be focussing on the MARBLES social skills programme and Growth Mindsets. Through these programmes we will be establishing a positive and supportive classroom culture, developing high levels of student responsibility and promoting a co-operative classroom. We will be establishing routines and procedures, relationships and identity, in order to develop a quality classroom and quality learning.

We will be working on number processes in Maths, and using these to solve real – life problems. Students will be involved in working in groups and using hands on activities to enhance their fluency and understanding.

Literacy is a key focus. The use of student data will be used to best address individual student needs and to also group them into spelling and reading groups. Students will also be looking at strategies to “Bump Up” their writing. Daily reading is an integral part of our learning and it is important for students to also read at home.

In week 3 students will get a taste of high school, when they spend the day at Findon High.

In week 4, the year 6/7’s will be attending aquatics at West Lakes. More information will be sent out in week 2. Students will be involved in sailing, surfing, snorkelling and beach safety.

Our Investigation topic this term will be around migration to Australia and the impact of cultural groups on society.

A very busy term ahead, so every minute counts!

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Rachel Tatera
Pastoral Care Worker
News Letter Blurb

Hi, I’m Rachel the Pastoral Care Worker and I shall be continuing my role here at SPPS on Thursdays and Fridays. On Thursday I will be running a lunch time program in room 18 for the Year 6/7s. Also on Fridays I will be helping with Breakfast Club and organising an art & craft activity for students in the yard during Lunch. My desire is to continue to be involved in school & community engagements, extra-curricular activities, provide social & emotional support and role modelling & mentoring.

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Welcome back to new school year

We have started the term with some get to know you activities and establishing routines and expectations. The students have embraced our flexible learning space and are enjoying the opportunity to choose where and how they work.

We will spend the next few weeks introducing our Reading and Writing Workshops. These workshops provide explicit teaching as well as lots of opportunities for students to practise the skills and strategies they are learning. Through these workshops students will be set goals to help them improve their reading and bump up their writing.

Our Maths program will focus on the area of Number looking at number patterns (Odd & Even), Place value and Money. We will also be setting goals for students to develop their fluency for basic number facts.

Our overarching theme this term is “Celebrations around the World”. This unit of work looks at the topic of celebrations. It covers personal, family and community celebrations; national days; Australia specific commemorations and religious/cultural celebrations from around the world. Students will complete a Celebrations Inquiry Task which will incorporate the areas of art and design technology as well as history.

Welcome back! We would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to our new families in C10.

For the first few weeks we will be getting to know one another and learning our classroom expectations, routines and procedures. The whole school will be following the Growth mindset program, which has been set up by our school counsellor, Melissa Matto.

For the first 5 weeks, we will be running play stations each morning in C10. These help the students develop friendships, social skills and fine motor skills which are needed in the classroom.

Our theme for Term 1 is “Community and Safety”, which links with a number of areas from the Australian Curriculum. Included in this topic will be sun, road, water and cyber safety. We are planning to get out in the community and we will be visiting the Road Safety School later in the term which will be lots of fun.

The children are settling in well and we are looking forward to a happy and successful year together.

See you at the acquaintance night in week 5.

Kind regards,

Emma George & Louise Schwarz.