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Stage Two – Term 2 Overview 2008

Welcome to a new term! During the first few weeks of this term Stage 2 students will be completing our *Cacophony* integrated inquiry about ***“In a democracy representatives make decisions for others.”*** Our excursion to the Legislative Assembly was very successful, and we are continuing with follow-up work. Well done to everyone.

Following the completion of *Cacophony*, we will commence an ongoing integrated enquiry into ***performance***. This will have two strands, one for plays and one for music. Our excursion to see *Possum Magic* later this term presents us with an opportunity to look at professional performers in action. Students will then have the opportunity to express their creativity by doing their own performance to an audience.

The music strand will commence with percussion, and learning the recorder in Term 3. Towards the end of this term, we will provide more information regarding the purchase of recorders.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy will be run for Years 3 and 5 in week three of this term. This is an external exam that is run Australia-wide, with scheduled times. Results will be sent home later in the year. Please ensure that your child arrives before 9:00am on test days.

Literacy

This term all Stage 2 classes will be focusing on recounts, re-telling and viewing. This will complement our work on performances. Our Literacy sessions will have a strong emphasis on the conventions of writing and will continue to develop students' spelling and editing skills.

Reading will remain an integral part of our Literacy program with silent reading sessions happening daily across the school. We will maintain our focus on the student's enjoyment of reading and being able to express the events and resolution of stories. To this end, the students will be encouraged to bring books or reading material from home or the library for personal use and to share with their peers. All students have been provided with reading logs, and we find these very helpful in monitoring your child's reading at home. Please complete them regularly, and send them in to us with their homework.

Maths

We will be encouraging students to move beyond simply "doing maths" by thinking and working mathematically. Stage 2 students will be working according to their ability with all children being extended at their level. Children will be actively participating in a variety of learning experiences that will expose, consolidate and extend their mathematical knowledge of:

Year 3	Year 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consolidating recall of number facts to 50;• Two digit addition and subtraction;• Consolidating times tables with exposure to 7, 8 and 9 time tables;• Mass and length;• Digital and analogue time;• 2D and 3D shapes;• Problem solving..	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consolidating place value of 4 digit numbers;• Consolidation of two digit addition and subtraction with regrouping;• Multiplication strategies and consolidation of all times tables;• Mass and length;• Digital and analogue time;• 2D and 3D shapes;• Problem solving.

Library

The Resource Centre is open for borrowing each day before school, at lunch time and during the school day. Every week Stage 2 classes have a borrowing session in the Library. Year 3 and 4 students may borrow up to 4 items at a time and keep them for up to 3 weeks.

In addition each class will go to the Library's Computer Pod to work on their touch typing using *Typing Tournament*.

MyClasses

We have a web page sight located at <http://www.farrerps.act.edu.au/myclasses>. Each student has a username and password to access this site. We will publish photos, links to web pages and other interesting material to the site periodically, so please take an occasional look.

Enviroscience

This term students will be exploring the Earth's natural resources and how we rely on these resources. They will identify our needs and wants and investigate how the imbalance of these needs and wants can contribute to environmental degradation. Anna See.

Homework

This term we are continuing a whole school approach to homework which will work on a 2 week cycle. *Homework will go home on the **Thursday of even weeks** and return to school on the **Tuesday of the next even week**.*

Events

Week 2	Term letter goes home Mother's Day stall
Week 3	NAPLAN
Week 5	Possum Magic excursion
Week 6	"Too hot to Handle" performance at school
Week 9	Reports sent home
Week 10	Parent-teacher interviews Stage 2 Assembly

Reminders



Please check that your child has all the stationery items they require.



If your child is absent from school please ensure you send in an absentee note or ring the school to explain the absence. All students who come to school after the 9am bell will need to be signed at the Front Office.



We are a sunsmart school and part of our school uniform is a wide-brimmed or legionnaires hat. Please ensure your child brings his/her hat to school. **Remember: No hat no play.**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's school activities or achievements we are here to help. If you make the classroom teacher the first port of call we are usually able to clarify situations immediately.

Looking forward to a very exciting and productive second term,

Bob Bannister, Val Kendall, Anne Rashleigh.