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Year 2 Overview – Term 3 2017

Dear Families and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3! We hope you all had an enjoyable break and feel refreshed and ready for lots of learning to come! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families to Farrer.

Integrated Unit

We have started our new integrated unit titled 'People are Connected to Places'. This unit of study falls under Geography in the Australian National Curriculum. As part of this unit the students will gain an understanding that we are connected to places and that distance influences our experiences of the world.

English

Year 2 will be focusing on event recounts, narrative texts and persuasive texts through exposure to a variety of stories and text forms. Spelling programmes will continue this term. The focus of spelling is to develop student knowledge and understanding of sight words and letter patterns in order to enhance and consolidate their reading and writing skills. This term, there will be a strong focus on books and reading as the Book Fair is in week 4 and Book Week is in week 6! Keep an eye out for this in the Newsletter!

Mathematics

During Term 3, students will be consolidating previous learning whilst developing skills and strategies in the following areas:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counting Patterns• Counting to 1000• Addition• Subtraction• Division | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mass• Location & Transportation (Maps)• Multiplication• Chance and Probability• Statistics |
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Please remember that you have access to Mathletics, Spellodrome and Reading Eggs. These programmes are all aligned to the Australian Curriculum, so they are invaluable resources to consolidate what we learn at school and they are FUN!

Japanese

This term we will learn how to talk about "My favourite things". Students will learn vocabulary including pets/animals, toys and food. They will learn some useful phrases to explain and describe their favourite things. Students will be exposed to Japanese writing and will be encouraged to write using Japanese script. They are showing great enthusiasm for writing and I look forward to **seeing** what they can do! Aby Sensei

Environmental Education

Students will be starting a Physics unit this term. They will be learning about push and pull energy, momentum and gravity. To learn these concepts they will be investigating a range of items, including kites and ships to learn how forces can act on objects. They will be expected to be able to explain, scientifically, why things move and why they stop moving. All classes will also be participating in preparation for our spring planting in our Environment Centre gardens. Kate Elliot

Digital Technologies

Students will investigate how digital systems improve meaning. They will have the opportunity to recognise and explore patterns in data. They will begin to develop their understanding of a range of information systems, their purposes and the needs they meet. They will begin to understand that an algorithm is a sequence of steps and how to explore and follow a range of algorithms. Coding was introduced to students last term and we will continue to explore the world of coding with the use of BEE BOTS. Students will continue to learn about appropriate online behavior to protect themselves and others as they interact online for learning and communicating. We are looking forward to another exciting term with lots of new learning in Digital Technologies. Kate Banwell

Physical Education

Students will continue with cooperative and modified games to improve fundamental motor skills and emphasise sportsmanship. To develop these skills we will concentrate on balancing, running, ball control and catching and throwing activities. The students will also continue undertaking specific gross motor lessons once a week to improve their abilities in this area.

Library

On your child's borrowing day, please ensure that the books come to school in a **library bag**.

Our library times are 2X – Monday
2M - Thursday

We try to change our library books every week.

Friendly reminders

- ❖ Please ensure all items of clothing and lunch items are clearly labelled.
- ❖ Children are not permitted to enter the building until collected by their teacher at 9:00am, unless accompanied by an adult or unless it is wet weather. In which case children will be supervised by their teacher.
- ❖ Please send note folders to school every day.
- ❖ Assembly is held every even week on Thursday at 2pm.

Other Events to Note:

Book Fair – Week 4

Book Week – Week 6

Learning Journey – Week 8

Here's wishing everyone a happy and successful term!

Andrew Xirakis and Catherine Mellor

