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## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Newport Lakes Primary School

Term 2 2018

Dear Year 2 Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 2 with the Year 2 Team. In Term 2, the structure of the school day remains the same, with one hour devoted to reading, writing and mathematics each day. The students will also take part in inquiry sessions and an hour of health (encompassing circle time) each week. Last year's successful dance program will also be back in Term 2. Grade 2s are learning African dance this year. If you like you can practice the dance at home, the song is Shakira's Waka Waka (the 2010 World Cup anthem) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRpeEdMmmQ0>. This term we will be assessing the students for mid-year reports.

### Tissues

Term 2 and 3 are the colder terms where lots of children come to school with coughs and sniffles. We ask that each child please bring in a **box of tissues** for use in the classroom.

### Classroom Helpers

Children and teachers are very appreciative of the time that our parent helpers spend within our classrooms. To be a parent helper you must have completed the induction session with Janet and have a valid Working with Children check. (The Working with children check also applies to parent helpers on excursions) The timetables for parents helping are displayed out the front of each classroom. The helpers will assist with reading in the first hour of the day.

### Library

We encourage children to borrow up to 2 books per week from our school library. Each class has a weekly library time where children can browse and borrow. These books are chosen by the children and they may or may not be suitable for independent reading. They may be more suited to shared reading with your child. Grade 2M will continue to have their library day on **Wednesday**. 2O will have their library day on **Friday**, and 2S will have their library day on **Tuesday**. Please make sure books are returned by then. The children are responsible for their own books and will be unable to borrow until they have returned their loaned books.

### Assembly

We will continue to conduct assemblies on Friday afternoons at 2:45pm. Weekly student awards are given out and parents are welcome to attend. Children will return to their classrooms at the end of assembly and will be dismissed from there at 3.30pm.

### Homework

Homework expectations remain the same in Term 2. Students will get 8 spelling words each Monday (5 from our weekly phonics focus and 3 individual words) to practice and we will be sending home take home readers at a just-right level for your child for reading practise. This term there will also be an inquiry project which is to be done at home.

# Curriculum Overview Term 2

## LITERACY

In Term 2 the students will continue to practise comprehension strategies to enable them to gain a deeper understanding of the texts they are reading. They will be encouraged to independently choose books that are of an appropriate level. We will continue to focus on the features and uses of different text types and they will be given plenty of opportunity to produce their own pieces of writing.

Reading Strategies



**Eagle Eye**  
Look at the pictures.



**Lips the Fish**  
Say the first sound.



**Stretchy Snake**  
Stretch the words.



**Chunky Monkey**  
Look for chunks.



**Flippy Dolphin**  
Flip the vowel sound.



**Skippy Frog**  
Skip the word and come back.



**Tryin' Lion**  
Try a word that makes sense.

### Daily Reading Hour

We will continue to model, discuss and demonstrate reading strategies by reading aloud to students, reading together with students, reading in small groups and reading independently.

We will focus on strategies to help children read and understand new or unfamiliar words and to improve their fluency and phrasing when reading. The students will practice the comprehensions strategies of making inferences, summarising and making connections. We will also be studying a range of authors.

The students will have opportunities to discuss their reading understanding in small groups. They will be involved in explicit teaching groups that target their reading needs.



### Daily Writing Hour

We will continue to model, discuss and demonstrate writing strategies. Writing processes will be explicitly demonstrated to the students and they will then have the opportunity to write in small groups and independently. Students will work on various aspects of the writing process including: planning, composing, recording, revising and publishing. Spelling, sound and punctuation investigations (both whole class or small group) will further assist with each student's writing. There will be a weekly spelling/phonics focus on which the weekly spelling words will be based.

### Writer's Notebook

The writer's notebook remains a fun and important part of our weekly writing. Collecting artefacts for the notebook will help inspire them to write more creatively.

### Speaking and Listening

The grade 2 students are learning to give accurate feedback in a constructive and kind way. Listening carefully to their peers, demonstrating good body language and responding appropriately to their peers work is our current focus.



## NUMERACY

### Daily Numeracy Hour



We will continue to model, discuss and demonstrate numeracy strategies by providing warm-up games to begin each lesson and differentiated learning tasks for each student depending on the individual learning needs. Our focus in Numeracy this term will be time, place value, mapping, addition and subtraction, chance/probability and money. We will also be looking at shapes, measurement and areas and multiplication.

### Inquiry Unit

Our Inquiry Topic for this term is '**How has life changed since our grandparents were young?**' Our focus is on how technology and inventions have changed how we live, although some things remain the same. This will also lead into thinking where our families come from and how our parents and grandparents culture influences our lives. The students will have a homework project to research and construct their own family tree, and we will be inviting grandparents to come in to show the students some old fashioned games. The students in turn will be keen to show grandparents some of our learning apps on the iPads. More details on this day will follow.

### Grade 2 Blog

The grade 2 team have a joint blog this year, and it gets updated every 2 weeks with photos and descriptions of class activities, excursions and information about the topics we will be learning in class. You can log into the blog at <http://nlpsgrade2.global2.vic.edu.au/>

The password is: grade2-18

If you need to contact us please send us an email and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Kind Regards,  
Denise, Paul, Ashlee, Carol and Sarah

## SPECIALIST CURRICULUM

### Year 2 Term 2

Specialist	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Indonesian	20		2M	2S	
P.E.	2S	2M	20		
MUSIC			2S 20		2M
ART	2M		2S	20	

Please note that the specialist timetable may change throughout the year due to whole school timetable changes and updates.