Welcome to Level 2 2016,

The teachers for Level 2 this year are Ms Harding, Ms Sipthorpe, Ms Falkenbach and Mr Le-Ray. We are all excited about the year ahead and are looking forward to having a fun and productive time. This year Italian will be taken by Mrs Vecchi, Music by Mrs Prattico, Dance by Elizabeth and Art by Mrs Carter. P.E., Library and Sustainability will be taught by the classroom teachers.

Unit of Inquiry

How We Express Ourselves

Central Idea
Communication can be expressed through the arts.

The Lines of Inquiry we will explore are:
People express their ideas and experiences through visual art.
The ways we interpret and appreciate visual art.
The role of visual art in culture and society.

Core Concepts
Perspective, Reflection

During this unit of Inquiry we will explore how art conveys messages with a major focus on sculpture. We will look at the effects of colours, size, line and expression used in art pieces. Students will have the opportunity to make many sculptures using clay and other mediums and explore their ability to convey messages. Our unit will culminate with a visit to the McClelland Sculpture Park to further provoke students’ thoughts.

Please remember to bring daily:
- Diaries/Reader Covers
- Hats
- Communication folders
- Water bottles

Save the date!

March
3rd Family picnic 4:30-7
4th Clean up K.H.P.S. day
9th Year 1 and 2 Parent Teacher Interviews
14th Labour Day
24th Last day of school. 2:30 finish. Free dress day.

Specialist Days
Tuesday
- 1A, 1B, 2A Dance
Wednesday
- 2B Dance
Friday
- All classes have Art, Music and Italian
Literacy

Our major writing focus this term is poetry. This ties nicely into our unit of inquiry and allows students to explore expression in a written format. They will learn how to make acrostic, rhyming, sensory, shape and cinquain poems. Students will construct poems and then make sculptures that reflect the poems meaning.

Literacy sessions include T.H.R.A.S.S. activities, Spelling and Grammar, Reading, Writing and Listening Skills. Students will commence the C.A.R.S. (Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies). Initially, we conduct pre-tests to discover the students’ strengths and weaknesses so we can explicitly teach to their point of need. They will work through 8 reading strategies. These are:
- Finding the Main Idea
- Recalling Facts and Details
- Understanding Sequence
- Recognising Cause and Effect
- Making Predictions
- Finding Word Meaning in Context
- Drawing Conclusions and Making Inferences
- Reading Pictures

Maths

Our focus in the beginning of the year is on Number, particularly number recognition and place value to 1000. After students have a solid understanding of these concepts we will begin teaching explicit addition and subtraction skills, which include making numbers to ten and 20, counting on, adding ten, adding multiples of ten, splitting numbers into hundreds, tens and units, rounding, carrying and borrowing. We have conducted extensive tests and students will be put into groups depending upon their prior knowledge, ensuring that every student in working at their point of need.

Garden

Once a week the children have a 45 minute session in the garden with Mr Le-Ray or Ms Falkenbach. This prepares them for the Kitchen Garden program in Year 3. If you would like to volunteer to help with the garden program it would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Mr Le-Ray or Ms Falkenbach if you can help.

The garden times are:
- Wednesday 11.30 – 12.15 Ms Harding class.
- Wednesday 12.15 – 1.00 Mr Le-Ray’s class.
- Wednesday 2:00 – 2:45 Ms Falkenbach’s class.
- Wednesday 2:45 – 3:30 Ms Sipthorpe’s class.

Library

Could you please ensure your child brings their orange or blue Library Bag that they received with their class set of books to school on the day they have Library. This is to ensure the books are protected when they are taken home. Students cannot borrow a book without a bag. If they have lost their orange/blue bag they could use a strong shopping bag like the green Safeway bags instead. Please encourage your child to borrow weekly.

Library Days

- Tuesday 11.30 – 12.00 Mr Le-Ray’s class.
- Tuesday 12.00 – 12.30 Ms Harding class.
- Tuesday 12:30 – 1:00 Ms Sipthorpe’s class.
- Friday 3:00 – 3:30 Ms Falkenbach’s class.

P.E.

Please ensure students wear appropriate footwear for P.E. on a Wednesday and have a hat and water bottle.

- Wednesday 11.30 – 12.15 Mr Le-Ray’s class.
- Wednesday 12.15 – 1.00 Ms Harding class.
- Wednesday 2:00 – 2:45 Ms Sipthorpe’s class.
- Wednesday 2:45 – 3:30 Ms Falkenbach’s class.

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