

FOUNDATION NEWS

Term 1, Week 3: 14th February 2020

In Our Classrooms:

Literacy: Students have begun using Cued Articulation to learn letters and sounds and they are 'noticing' sounds in real life. A fun way to practise this at home might be to ask them to look around the house and find 5 things that start with a 'b', for example. The children also LOVE practising the Cued Articulation actions– give it a try!

So far we have learned about the letters:

W L O H S B P

Students have also begun the early stages of writing. They are drawing pictures using lots of colours before writing a simple sentence to match the picture. The teachers are focusing on writing personal statements such as 'I like...'

An easy way to help your child become a more confident writer would be to help them write their name in correct upper case and lower case letters and give them plenty of praise for their effort ☺

Numeracy: Students have been practising their counting skills and number recognition. They have been focusing on counting one item at a time and using physical actions to move an item from one collection to another to find the total. The children use hands-on items such as teddy bears, fruit counters, coloured paper tiles and blocks when learning.

Specialist classes: Specialist classes are now underway. The specialist teachers are:

- Art: Ms. Blyth
- Digital Technologies/Library: Mr. Beggs
- Italian: Signore Romano
- P.E.: Miss Carter
- Performing Arts: Mr. Jenkins

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb 26: Teddy Bear Picnic
 Feb 27: PMP (First Session)
 Feb 28: Cooking (First Session)
 Mar 4: Junior School Council Badge Ceremony
 Mar 9: **Labour Day (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)**
 Mar 17: School Photos



Some important things to know:

FlexiBuzz: Please ensure you have the FlexiBuzz app so you can keep up with important updates and alerts. You can join FlexiBuzz by simply downloading the app, adding Dorset PS and selecting 'Prep.'

Drop Off and Pick Up: Classrooms are open at 8:45am. **All Foundation students are required to stay inside their classrooms after being dropped off.** Please note that children who arrive **before 8:45am must be supervised by a parent or carer.** At 3:30pm, the teachers escort children to the right person in the **outdoor Foundation area only.** We appreciate your understanding in helping us to ensure student safety!

Parent Helpers: Mr Mackay and Mrs Bell will be running the terrific Parent Helper Program in coming weeks. We will be inviting parents to help with reading in Term 2 but we encourage any parents with a WWC Check to attend PMP and Cooking in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for more!

Canteen: The canteen is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday only. The menu is available on FlexiBuzz.

Assembly: Foundations will not be attending assembly until later in Term 1. Teachers will advise when the first assembly for Foundation students will be happening.

SPECIALIST DAYS				
	FA	FB	FC	FD
Art	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday
Library	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday
Italian	Thursday	Thursday	Friday	Wednesday
P.E.	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday
Performing Arts	Thursday	Monday	Tuesday	Monday

If you have any questions please chat to your child's teacher!