



Welcome to term 2! We hope you have all had a wonderful break and we are looking forward to the amazing term ahead!

Term 2 at Greythorn Primary School:

Our Inquiry topic for this term is **'What do living things need to survive on Earth?'** The students will develop an understanding of living things, their needs and the connections between living things and their environments, including themselves. Each classroom will have its very own living thing to look after. Come in and say hello! The students will also be looking after a range of plants and seedlings.

In other learning areas and school events:

- Our English studies will continue to focus on alphabet sound knowledge, word and sentence structure, writing goals including finger spaces and full stops, rhyming words, word endings, magic 100 words, text comprehension.
- CAFÉ reading strategies include prediction, checking for understanding, tune into interesting words, backup and re-read, retelling a story, chunking sounds together and using the picture.
- Our Buddy program begins with a focus on our school values of *Respect, Optimism, Pride and Integrity*.
- Our take home reading program continues. The teachers will send home books for the students to read easily after a busy day at school. Please continue to support your child by reading with them daily and commenting in the yellow reading journal. Teachers will continue to closely monitor and assess students at school.
- Magic 100 words have been sent home and the students need to practise *reading* these words. Please revise daily. New words will be sent home when your child can confidently read their current list. Please ensure that the M100W booklet remains inside your child's reader folder/satchel.
- The students have started to train for our whole school Cross Country which will be held on Thursday 20 April. The students are focusing on three strategies to improve their running technique: Eyes looking ahead, arms bent and bending knees. Please ensure you have given permission via Compass.
- Show and Share has will focus around our Inquiry unit "What Do Living Things Need To Survive on Earth?"
- We will be introducing Parent Helpers in the classroom to assist with our Literacy Program during term 2.

Other Useful Information:

- Hats must be worn everyday to school for outside play until the end of April so please continue to support the SunSmart program.
- Lost something? The Lost property cupboard is located just inside the Prep doors at the top of the ramp. Please ensure that all clothing is named - particularly school jumpers!
- Smooth start to the day - it is important to be at school at 8:50am for a 9:00am start. If you are late to school or need to collect your child early during the day, please visit the office first to fill in a sign in / sign out form. We kindly ask that parents say goodbye outside of the building, allowing the prep students to enter independently.
- Blue satchels are important for carrying communication notices from school to home and home to school. It needs to be returned to school every day with the reader cover, yellow reading journal and M100W booklet inside.
- We are now taking enrolments for 2018 Prep students. Please see the office if you have a sibling to enrol for next year.
- Please note that tracksuit pants/leggings should not be worn under the school dress/pinafore - navy tights are acceptable
- Please come and speak to any of the Prep teachers if you need to, we are always happy to answer any questions

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