

KPPS Room 22 Newsletter

Week 11, Term 1 2018

Wow! It is hard to believe that Term 1 has come and almost gone already. I am proud of the students' progression throughout the term, in their big transformation from Reception to Year 1.

Literacy

This term the book '*My Mob Going to the Beach*' has been our class focus, with the students engaging with the book daily. We have used the text as a starting point to broaden and deepen the students' understanding about recounts. The students have created some fantastic oral, joint writing and individual writing pieces based on this knowledge, as can be seen in the Learning Portfolio.

Every morning the students have engaged in buddy reading with the Year 6/7 students. Many students have increased their reading levels, especially those doing extra reading at home with their parents and caregivers.

It has been fantastic to see students showing courage when approaching their writing tasks and being brave by having a go. Students have improved their writing skills and handwriting techniques since the beginning of Term 1 and I am excited to see where they can take their writing in Term 2.

Students' understanding of phonograms, both oral and written, has been developing, and it is great to see students apply their phonogram knowledge when reading and writing on a daily basis.

Maths

This term in Maths we have had a major focus on number. Students are taking on the challenge of being able to count, recognise and write numbers from 0 to 100, as this is our goal based on the Australian Curriculum. It is a big step up from knowing numbers 0 to 20 in Reception, however they are embracing it and are developing these skills daily. It has been impressive to observe the students' ability to retain new knowledge about number and transfer it to other areas of our school life.

Students have also been developing their knowledge of mental computation strategies; such as subitising and skip counting, through fun and engaging activities.

I encourage parents to engage their child in conversations about the importance of number in daily life, so that students can begin to make connections and to understand its importance in the 'real world' and not just at school.

Thank you for your support during Term 1. I look forward to working together again as a team throughout Term 2. Please enjoy the photo pages throughout your child's Learning Portfolio. Have a safe and happy holiday! School recommences on Monday the 30th of April. Please return your child's Learning Portfolio back to school before the end of Term 1, Week 11.

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