

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER
TERM 4

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, October 18 – Wednesday, October 20	Remote learning
Thursday, October 21 & Friday, October 22	Year 1 students onsite learning
Monday, October 25 – Wednesday, October 27	Remote learning
Thursday, October 28 & Friday, October 29	Year 1 students onsite learning
Monday, November 1	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday, November 2	Melbourne Cup Day, (public holiday)
Wednesday, November 3	Remote learning
Thursday, November 4	Year 1 students onsite learning
Friday, November 5	Prep – Year 6 students return to full time onsite learning
Friday, December 17	Last day Term 4, 12:30pm finish



Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to Term 4!

Term 4 will be an exciting and busy term as we look forward to returning to onsite face-to-face teaching. We are incredibly excited to see our students return.

The Year 1 teachers would like to say thank you to students, parents and carers for all of your hard work and support during remote learning. It has been pleasing to see the consistent participation and effort displayed by students. We have been amazed at the quality of work being posted by our students in all areas of learning. Their involvement in our twice daily Google Meets, small group reading instruction and completing learning tasks wouldn't have been as successful without the support of our wonderful families.

We are extremely proud of the progress that students have made in their learning during these challenging times and are eager to continue ensuring that they grow and develop over the coming weeks.

Thank you again for all of your support!

RETURN TO ONSITE LEARNING

For the first two weeks of Term 4 students will continue full time remote and flexible learning.

From **October 18** students will gradually return onsite for two days a week (**Thursday and Friday**). Remote and flexible learning will continue on the days when students are not onsite.

The dates that students will attend school onsite are:

Thursday, October 21
Friday, October 22
Thursday, October 28
Friday October 29
Thursday, November 4
Friday November 5

From **Monday, November 8** students return to onsite learning full time.

SUNSMART

Between mid August and the end of April each year all students are required to wear a broad brimmed or legionnaire style hat while outdoors at playtimes or any other activity such as Physical Education. Please note that your child's hat can be any colour. The hat should be labelled with your child's name. Please ensure that your child has a suitable hat for when we return to onsite learning.



Students may also bring their own sunscreen and/or sunglasses. These are optional and should also be labelled with your child's name. It is your child's responsibility to look after these items.

LITERACY

This term students will continue to participate in a range of purposeful and meaningful Reading, Writing and Speaking & Listening activities to further develop their literacy skills.

Reading

Our reading program includes fostering a love of books and reading. During reading sessions, students will continue to listen to and read a variety of fiction and non-fiction books and *focus on understanding* what they have read. Students will be encouraged to locate information in books, ask questions, summarise, retell the main ideas in sequence and understand simple labelled diagrams. All students participate in Independent Reading on a daily basis for up to 20 minutes. This involves students choosing and reading '**Just Right**' books (i.e. books that match their level of ability) from the classroom library to practise their reading skills and strategies.

Writing

Students write at school every day and this term our students will be focusing on writing Minibeast reports. Students will be developing their skills in researching, recording facts and creating a report based on a particular Minibeast. They will also be learning how to write fiction stories and how to include interesting words in their writing.

HOME READING

Although the end of the year can be a very busy time for families, it is still important for students to continue to read their take home books each night and to return them each morning. This term students **are required to continue reading their take home books every day**. It is important that you listen to your child read each night and sign their reading diary ready to return to school. Your child can also continue to use the Reading Eggs or Matific computer programs at home. The websites, usernames and passwords are listed inside the front cover of each child's reading diary.

MATHEMATICS

This term students will participate in a variety of 'hands on' and practical activities to further develop their counting and number skills. The areas that will be covered throughout the term include place value, addition, subtraction, division, fractions, skip counting, data collection, graphing, money, multiplication, and revision of topics taught this year.

INTEGRATED STUDIES

Schoolyard Safari - This theme explores Minibeasts such as butterflies, bees, spiders, beetles and snails. Throughout this unit of work students will participate in learning activities that will help them to understand and answer these essential questions:

- What are Minibeasts?
- What do Minibeasts do for our garden?
- How do Minibeasts help our world?
- Why are Minibeasts important?

We will research and investigate several different Minibeasts. We will focus on what they look like, where they live, life cycles, movement and why they are so important to our environment.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Students have begun rehearsing for our end of year Christmas Concert. The concert will be filmed for you to watch online.

More information will be sent home about this event closer to the date.

**MR SIMON DUNDAS, MS LAURA MEEHAN (TEAM LEADER),
MR MITCHELL MILLER, MS ANIKA O'CALLAGHAN, & MS NATASHA PALOMBI
YEAR 1 TEACHERS**

STAGGERED RETURN TO SCHOOL REMINDERS



	From Monday, October 4 WEEKS 1 & 2	From Monday, October 18 WEEK 3	From Monday, October 25 WEEK 4
Prep	REMOTE & FLEXIBLE LEARNING	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
Years 1 & 2	REMOTE & FLEXIBLE LEARNING	Thursday & Friday	Thursday & Friday
Years 3 & 4	REMOTE & FLEXIBLE LEARNING	REMOTE & FLEXIBLE LEARNING	Tuesday & Wednesday
Years 5 & 6	REMOTE & FLEXIBLE LEARNING	REMOTE & FLEXIBLE LEARNING	Thursday & Friday

Week 5 – 01.11.2021 – 05.11.2021

	Monday, November 1	Tuesday, November 2	Wednesday, November 3	Thursday, November 4	Friday, November 5
PREP	PUPIL FREE DAY	MELBOURNE CUP DAY	ONSITE LEARNING	REMOTE & FLEXIBLE LEARNING	ONSITE LEARNING
YEARS 1 & 2	PUPIL FREE DAY	MELBOURNE CUP DAY	REMOTE & FLEXIBLE LEARNING	ONSITE LEARNING	ONSITE LEARNING
YEARS 3 & 4	PUPIL FREE DAY	MELBOURNE CUP DAY	ONSITE LEARNING	REMOTE & FLEXIBLE LEARNING	ONSITE LEARNING
YEARS 5 & 6	PUPIL FREE DAY	MELBOURNE CUP DAY	REMOTE & FLEXIBLE LEARNING	ONSITE LEARNING	ONSITE LEARNING

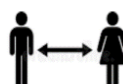
Week 6 – 08.11.2021 – 12.11.2021

	Monday, November 8	Tuesday, November 9	Wednesday, November 10	Thursday, November 11	Friday, November 12
P-YEAR 6	😊 WHOLE SCHOOL RETURN TO ONSITE LEARNING 😊				

❖ Students will enter and exit allocated gates (**see map**)

To help us all remain safe we need to remember:

❖ Social distancing 1.5m at all times, where possible.



❖ Masks

- All adults will wear masks indoors and outdoors.
- Year 3 – 6 students are required to wear masks indoors.
- Year Prep – 2 students are encouraged to wear masks indoors.



❖ Practice good hygiene.



❖ Adults requested/required to come onsite must QR code in.



❖ If unwell, stay at home and be tested.



Westbourne Drive

McGrath Road

West County Drive

Gate 3
Staff Carpark
No access

Gate 2
Staff Carpark
No access

Gate 4
Bike access
only

Bike Shed

Gate 5
Yr 5

Gate 6
Prep & Yr 2

Gate 1
Main Gate
Yr 1, Yr 4 & Yr 6

Gate 7
Yr 3

Basketball Court

Basketball Court

Gym

Art Room
Computer Room
Library
Main Office

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20TM

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20RH

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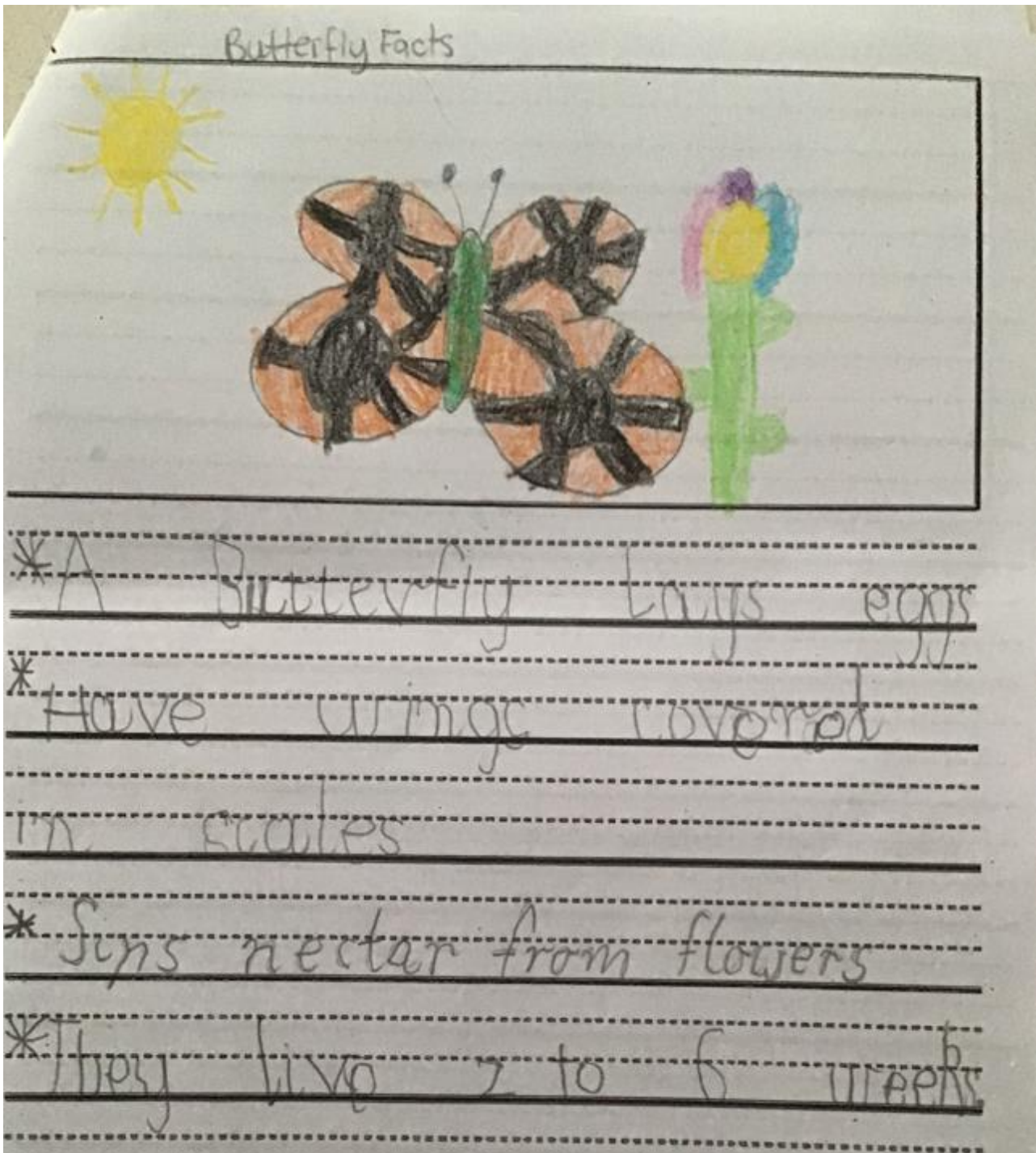
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SOME OF OUR YEAR 1 STUDENTS' STORY WRITING



By Indy, 1AO



Facts about Butterfly

1. Butterflies are the most beautiful insects in the world. They have a beautiful colours. Butterflies are like flower.

4 Oct 2021



If I were a dinosaur I would have wings and blue cheeks. I like purple so I am purple. When I go some where I drop snow. I eat cold food like ice cream. Also I spit out ice.

By Lucy, 1NP