

What's On in 2012



Stage 1 will be located downstairs in the main building. Classroom locations will include (from the office end of the building):

2S Mrs B Smith;
2J Mrs J Smith;
1F Mrs Lisa Freedman;
1M Ms Martin..... and
1/2M with Mrs Morris will be located in the classroom closest to the Infants Playground.

Special Dates for Term 1:

- Jan 30 – Students return
- Feb 3 – Swimming Carnival (competitive Year 2 students and Years 3-6)
- Feb 6 – SRC / Leader Induction
- Feb 9 – Stage 1 Parent Information Evening
- Feb 13-16 – Personal Learning Plan Teacher Interviews
- Apr 3 – Cross Country Carnival
- Apr 4 – Celebration Disco

Happy holidays from Stage 1, 2012!

As communicated in last week's '2012 Staffing' letter, Stage 1 teachers for 2012 are Mrs Lisa Freedman (Stage 1 Leader), Mrs Jennie Smith, Mrs Beth Smith, Mrs Nadia Morris, Ms Leah Martin and Mrs Gillian Ross. All Stage 1 teachers are looking forward to working together and teaching the Stage 1 students in 2012.

As in previous years, Stage 1 Mathematics groups will be graded. The *Enrichment* class will be the highest class, followed by the *Late*, *Development* then *Early* class.

By grouping students according to their ability level, we will be supporting them in achieving their learning goals through structured programs and lesson activities.

Stage 1 teachers will be participating in MiniLit training before school resumes to support the Stage 1 Guided Reading Group Program.

Students in Stage 1 will also be supported in improving their reading by borrowing Home Readers each week. Students will be supported to borrow Home Readers 2 to 3 times each week. Parent, grandparent and caregiver support will allow us to ensure that this program takes place effectively. If you are interested in offering your support, please come to our Parent Information Evening.

Learning Support Officers will be allocated to Stage 1 classes to support reading improvement in 2012.

Exciting news about Stage 1 activities!

Stage 1 students will be working with their *Home Class Teacher* as well as other support teachers.

Stage 1 students will attend the library each week, borrowing books and participating in a library skills program. This will be taught by Mrs Francine Dessaix.

Mrs Gillian Ross and Mrs Megan Young will be taking Stage 1 classes for a 1 hour physical education class each week.

In Years 1 and 2, students are expected to read every night (with caregiver support) and learn their spelling words. We are looking forward to introducing our new structured spelling program in 2012. Mathematics and literacy homework is also given to Stage 1 students. Students should be completing approximately 20 minutes of reading / homework each night.

Stage 1 will also be taking part in a fun new Swimming Games carnival in 2012.

"Merimbula Public School offers choices to engage students in their learning and develop their talents!"

Our own playground!

