Dear Parents
After a short, but solid term one, we have settled in well to what is going to be a very busy term. Below is an outline of what will be studied in during Term 2.

Numeracy
In Numeracy this term we will be revising our counting patterns, place value, and work covered in fractions during term one. We will be studying addition and subtraction, statistics and probability, decimals and fractions, tessellations and area. Students will be practising previous NAPLAN tests to prepare for testing in Week 5.

Literacy
Part of the Literacy Program will be based upon activities from the Integrated Studies units Our Northern Neighbours. As part of the integrated units we will be studying the writing genres of Exposition and Report writing. Sound Waves spelling books will be used with words being completed at school and for homework. The children will participate in further grammar and spelling activities such as using conjunctions, plurals, antonyms and parts of speech using nouns, verbs and adjectives, contractions and developing paragraphs. After placement tests in term one, we will commence using Cars and Stars this term and continue working in our reading groups to further develop our reading skills.

NAPLAN – National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy
NAPLAN testing for students in Year 5 will be conducted from the 10th of May till the 12th of May. To help students become familiar with the testing format, we have been conducting both literacy and numeracy practice tests in class. Students will complete tests on May the 10th Language Conventions and Writing, May the 11th Reading, and May the 12th Numeracy.

INTEGRATED STUDIES – Who Are our Northern Neighbours?
This unit will look at the location of Australia’s neighbouring countries and study the similarities and differences of these places in terms of their types of settlement, demographics and the everyday lives of the people who live there. We will identify the direction and distance of these countries from Australia and compare dwellings, food, music and religion between countries within this region. At the completion of this unit children will choose a country and to make a Power Point presentation to present to the class.

Home Reading
Please ensure students regularly participate in home reading. To support your child ask them to retell what they have read in the correct sequence and ask different comprehension questions to ensure your child understands what they have read. This is a really important part of reading and something that we will be focusing on throughout this year, especially focusing on different types of non-fiction texts. On Monday parent helpers will change and hear children read. If children could bring their readers back to school on Monday and Friday for changing it would be most appreciated.
**Homework**
A reminder that Homework is due each Friday. Mathsmate correction and Spelling Tests are held on Friday. Mathsmate is corrected as an individual grade activity and is an important learning and reflection time. It is essential that each child brings their homework to be corrected by Friday.

**Music**
During Term 2 students will continue to make music with a variety of tuned and non-tuned instruments. They will explore the musical elements of beat and rhythm through a wide range of world music. Students will be encouraged to engage with singing, music and dance activities with a focus on having fun. In singing, melody and harmony will be developed and students will sing in three and four part harmony and rounds. Students will continue to learn about the Kodaly notation system and develop the skill of reading music. Students will also begin to compose their own songs, notate their own music and perform their musical pieces for their peers.

**Physical Education**
It is going to be an action packed Term in Phys Ed! The term started with the District Field Athletics competition at Ballam Park, and will be followed by the District Track athletics and Cross Country. All students will participate in an NRL Rugby League program that will complement our physical education program and help to prepare students for the Billy Slater Rugby League Shield later in the year. They will also have the opportunity to participate in a Football Federation Soccer clinic and a Tabloid Sports session. Another exciting event will be the Seaford District AFL 9’s Gala Day that is currently being planned. Further information will be sent out when planning is finalised. Don’t forget that it is ‘ACTIVE APRIL’. Students are encouraged to participate in 30 minutes of physical activity every day during the month of April and log it on the Active April website. Students who returned the completed Active April permission slip last term were given a special card with their unique username and code which gives them personal access to the website. Please go to [www.activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au) for more details. If your child wasn’t registered you can do this yourself on the website.

**Indonesian (LOTE)**
During LOTE in Term 2 we are going to focus on My Family (Keluarga saya). This will be followed with revision of Days of the Week and Months of the Year. The students then continue with learning basic words and phrases to describe their birthdays. We will continue learning about culture and life in Indonesia.
Science
While exploring topics such as Australia’s Neighbours and Legends, we will be researching the history of Australia and how it came to be and conduct experiments based on these. We will continue to discuss what Sustainability is and keep working in our garden, keeping it flourishing with lots of vegetables and herbs we can cook and eat!
I am excited that our Soft Plastics program was a success last term as we began to bin our Soft plastics in our new big Red Bin in Shadowlands. Small red buckets have been distributed in the classrooms. I am happy to see that students are learning to make the correct choice for their rubbish, either choosing the Yellow Recycle bin, the Compost bin, Red Soft plastics bin or the blue Rubbish bin. We have saved so much recyclable rubbish that would have been put into landfill and now will be recycled into something useful and saving our beautiful planet! Please remember to bring in your unwanted plastic bags and put it in our Red Bin and encouraging recycling in your own home!

Art
In Art sessions students will continue to develop as artists. Links will be made to the integrated unit ‘Australia’s neighbours’. They will identify Australia’s neighbouring countries and study the traditional artists and artworks of the region. The students will have the opportunity to learn and explore the technique of paper mache and to create a piece that they will be proud to display at home.

Regards Mr. Geoff Triplow