

General Information

Absences

Students are required to bring a note from home explaining any absence from school. If students arrive at school after 9:15 am or depart before 2:30 pm it will be recorded as a partial absence. If your child is away for three consecutive days we will call home.

Assemblies

Assemblies will take place fortnightly on Wednesday afternoon from 1:45pm in the school hall. Parents, carers and friends are welcome to come and join us. We will provide notice when we are hosting an assembly.

Labels

Please label all items of clothing and equipment clearly. This helps in identifying "lost" items.

Library

Students are encouraged to borrow and return two books a week during their class library time. To help protect the books we ask that all students use a library bag when borrowing. Our library time is on Tuesday.

Money

If you are giving your child money to spend at the canteen, please ensure it is in a wallet or purse in their school bag. By keeping money safe in a wallet or purse it is less likely to be lost. We are unable to replace money that has fallen out of pockets.

Communication Books

All students have been provided with a home/school communication book. It is appreciated for books to return to school every morning.

Important Days

Assembly

Wednesday on odd weeks at 1:45pm (Term 1)



Newsletters

Thursday

Student Banking

Friday

School Photos

3rd April

Homework

In 2017 the School Board ratified a new Homework Policy that comes into full effect as of the beginning of 2018. The new policy states that reading is an essential skill that is to be practised by all as regularly as possible. Teachers may identify that individual students require additional support in their learning. After a conversation with the parents an agreement will be made and other activities assigned. Additional to this, parents may request other activities for their child to complete.

More information about the policy is available on the school website at http://www.lathamps.act.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0011/409592/Latham_PS_Homework_Policy_2017_2.pdf

Term 1 2018 Overview



Welcome to The Junior LSU

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Welcome to a new school term. We aim to provide an interesting range of teaching and learning experiences that are tailored to the needs of your child.

At times, throughout the week, students will integrate into other classes to support their social development.

Literacy

Throughout the day your child will participate in individual phonics instruction, alphabet games, reading, writing speaking and listening activities.

Student tasks are chosen to ensure both your child is able to complete the task and extension work is offered when appropriate. All work given to students reflects students needs in literacy.

Starting in week 3, students will be getting home readers each week to take home each Monday and return by the end of the week.

Physical Education

Students will engage with lessons with Sally this year. Students will begin with gross motor skills development and ball skills.

Mathematics

In mathematics our goal is to strengthen each student's understanding of number, space, measurement, patterns and relationships.

The topics we will cover this term are:

- ◆ Recognising and grouping numbers
- ◆ Number sense including counting, simple equations, and representations.
- ◆ Classifying, sorting and locating 2 dimensional shapes within their environments

Life Skills

Students are learning about life skills daily. One major goal is to help students learn about and understand our school values of: Respect, Motivation, Collaboration, Resilience and Positivity.

Students are learning about their own behaviour and will be introduced to the concept of behaviour mapping. Through discussion and lessons with students, they will develop and understanding of how all behaviour is meaningful, purposeful and how it affects others.

Japanese

Students will work with Sharee on greetings including konnichi wa (hello) and sayonara (goodbye), and some simple classroom directions. We will be learning about the country of Japan and some of its national symbols and what they mean. We will be singing lots of songs to work on the rhythm and speech patterns of the Japanese language, as well as practising understanding of beginning classroom directions. Students will explore the names of colours through matching games and activities.

The Arts

For The Arts with Amanda this term the students will be learning about drama. They will be exploring and developing their awareness of some of the key elements in drama, (e.g. character, voice, facial expression and movement), through a variety of activities involving dramatic play, improvisation and games.

Health

During health lessons students will learn about self regulation and self calming strategies. The Incredible 5 Point Scale will underpin all self regulation lessons and students will learn to self identify where they are functioning on the scale.

History

Throughout the history unit, students will investigate their family structures. They share their family history to identify similarities and differences between families. They explore the journeys throughout their family history and identify the multicultural structure of the class.