



# DISCOVERY TERM 2 NEWSLETTER - 2023

2 May, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 2 - 2023. We are looking forward to another exciting term in Discovery.

	AUSLAN	PE	ART	MUSIC
DA	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Thursday
DB	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday
DC	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday
DD	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Friday
DE	Friday	Thursday	Monday	Friday
DF	Tuesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Friday

**Library:** DA, DB, DC, DD and DF have Library on a Monday and DE have Library on a Tuesday.

## EXCURSION:

This term, the Discovery students have an excursion to Healesville Sanctuary on Monday 8 May, 2023. We ask that students arrive at their classroom by no later than 8:50am, so we can mark the roll and make our way to the bus for a 9:00am departure. It would be great if your child could bring their snack, lunch and drink bottle in a bag that they can carry throughout the excursion and it is clearly labelled with their name and class on it. They will also need to bring a hat to wear during the excursion. Please see your child's teacher if you would like to attend the excursion as a parent helper (each Grade requires two (2) parent helpers). If you haven't done so already, we ask that you provide consent and payment for your child via compass by no later than Friday 5 May, 2023.

## JETS GYM:

This term the Discovery students will be attending Jets Gymnastics. They will be involved in a four-week gymnastics program at the Community Bank Stadium. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate clothing for the activities they will be participating in. They will also be required to remove their shoes and socks – so wearing shoes with Velcro would save time. DA, DB, DC will all be attending Jets Gymnastics on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of May. DD, DE, DF will all be attending Jets Gymnastics on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of May and the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of June.

## HOME READING:

Please ensure that your child continues to bring their blue book bag and 3 readers to school **every day** and to fill in your child's reading log. Your child will keep their readers for one week and we encourage them to read the same text multiple times. The first time your child reads a text they will decode any unknown words. On day 2 they will re-read with less decoding and by day 3 they will work on improving their fluency and they will be more familiar with the text.

## PARENT HELPERS:

We look forward to welcoming back Parent Helpers into the Discovery classrooms in Term 2. Please ensure you have completed the induction with Mrs Evans and have sent a copy of your WWCC to the front office. If you are unable to assist during your allocated time, it would be very much appreciated if you could let your child's classroom teacher know.

## WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT IN THE CLASSROOM DURING TERM 2:

READING	WRITING	CATCH MATHS	INQUIRY
<p>Our lessons are based on our CAFÉ program which assists with comprehension, accuracy, fluency and expanding vocabulary.</p> <p>The CAFE program breaks each of these components into significant strategies and our lessons support each approach.</p> <p>We will be continuing to have individual student conferences and/or guided reading groups during these lessons.</p> <p>This term, the students will be furthering their skills in the four main components of CAFE as mentioned above. We will be revisiting the accuracy strategies and consolidating the CAFÉ characters that help us decode unknown words, such as Lips the Fish, Chunky Monkey, Stretchy Snake, Eagle Eye and Skippy the Frog. The students will also be enjoying their class novel 'George's Marvellous Medicine' which will be read aloud to them by their teacher during daily Reading sessions.</p>	<p>The Discovery students will be focusing on procedural writing, reports, and narratives this term. We will spend some time revising all of these writing genres.</p> <p>Our daily writing sessions are always complemented by our school-wide phonemic spelling program, Sound Waves, with two smaller stand-alone spelling sessions during the course of the week.</p> <p>Students participate in handwriting sessions multiple times during the week, with a focus on correct size, shape and formation of letters and correct pencil grip when writing.</p>	<p>This term we will cover Addition and Subtraction, Length, 2D shapes, Chance and Money.</p> <p>The school-wide CATCH Maths program follows the same weekly focus throughout the school.</p> <p>Each Monday and Wednesday the students are involved in a Challenging Task related to the week's Maths focus.</p> <p>On Tuesdays, students are involved in sessions that develop their fluency and reasoning skills of that week's Maths focus. In Discovery this will almost always involve the use of concrete materials.</p> <p>Each Thursday's session will continue to explore the week's focus with a range of hands on materials, such as counters, MAB, Unifix or dice.</p> <p>Our weekly Maths lessons conclude on Friday with an engaging session, with fun and interactive games provided related to the week's focus. Each of the week's Maths sessions give students a chance to develop their Maths skills and knowledge, while further developing their skills of problem solving, resilience, curiosity and responsible risk taking.</p>	<p>During Term 2 your child will learn about Sustainability. The aim of the unit is for students to learn how to reduce, reuse and recycle as they consider the importance of sustainability.</p> <p>Your students will develop personal sustainability goals as they consider the ethics of sustainability.</p> <p>They will also be learning about ways to save water to help look after the environment.</p>

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

April	May	June
<p>24 First Day of Term 2 25 ANZAC Day Public Holiday</p>	<p>2 Cross Country 8 Healesville Excursion 11 Mothers' Day Stall 15 Professional Practice Day – students not required to be at school on this day</p>	<p>1 School Photos 7 Feeling Fabulous Day 12 King's Birthday Public Holiday 22 Sustainability Day 23 Last day of Term 2</p>

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to schedule a time to see your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Nat, Cathryn, Alana, Steph, Georgie, Matt and Michelle  
Discovery Teachers