

Term #1 2019
Welcome to
Year 5/6J

Ms Jodi

Learning Detectives at Work!

We are off to a flying start this year. Together we have created our *Classroom Charter* of our rights and responsibilities for the year.

I have the right to feel **safe**.

I have the responsibility to be **kind** to everyone.

I have the right to be **heard** and the responsibility to **listen**.

I have the right to **stand up for myself** and others.

I have the right to **make mistakes**.

I have the right to **learn** and **be brave**.

I have the responsibility to **be organised**.

I have the responsibility to treat others with **respect**.

I have the right to have **fun** and **be happy!**

TOP SECRET

Diaries

Please ensure your child has their diary with them EVERYDAY. This will be the main method of daily communication. They should also be signed every weekend to show you have sighted homework tasks and notes.

Homework

Students at Richmond Primary School are expected to complete homework in accordance with the school's homework policy. I understand that sometimes personal commitments do interfere with homework, so please let me know of any concerns you may have with the homework deadlines. I recommend that students use their artistic and computer skills to create informative and well organised talks as part of this year's homework program.

Parents? Family? Friends?

Are there any parents or family members who have hidden talents or specialised skills that could help support our learning journey this year? E.g. chef, musician etc. I would love to hear from you.

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Please advise through Skoolbag or the class SeeSaw messaging service any absences or requests.

Our LIBRARY borrowing/returning day is MONDAY.



Important Term 1 Dates:

Monday 11th Feb Week 3 is a
Pupil Free Day

*****Wednesday 13th Feb –**
Parent Acquaintance night &
Governing Council AGM – All welcome

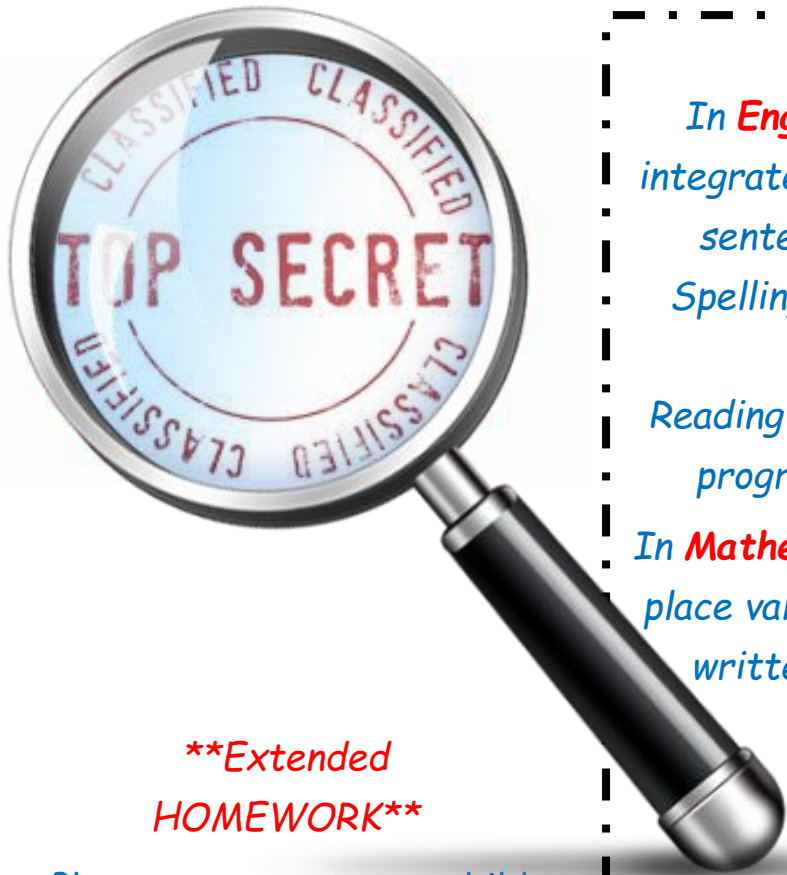
Public Holiday **Monday 11th March**

Harmony Day
Friday 22nd March Week 8

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

**Due to unforeseen circumstances my
class Acquaintance Night will be
held on Tuesday 12th Feb at 6.00pm.
The whole school Acquaintance
Night will be on Wednesday 13th Feb.**

*****PLEASE NOTE*****



****Extended
HOMEWORK****

Please encourage your child to complete regular reading comprehension quizzes online at home to increase their understanding of a variety of text types and Lexile reading level.

Curriculum Overview

*In **English** this term our genre focus is Argument and Narrative. This will be integrated with our Science unit of work on Space. We will be developing complex sentences, concentrating on sentence structure, grammar and punctuation.*

Spelling will be continuing to use the Words Their Way program with levelled groups with support from Carol our Literacy Coordinator.

Reading tasks will include regular guided reading activities including intervention programs like LLI and the LITERACY PRO LEXILE LEVEL reading program.

*In **Mathematics** this term we will focus on number operations, problem solving and place value. This will include recalling of multiplication facts, developing efficient written and mental strategies to solve word problems. We will also cover all strands of the curriculum in the lead up to NAPLAN.*

Our **Science** topic this Term will be Earth's place in Space. The students will develop deeper understandings of our place in space through hands on activities and inquiry investigations as part of our homework program.

As part of the **Economics and Business** strand of the HASS curriculum, we are introducing a "Classroom Economy." We are in the early stages of planning but the students will have to pay rent for their desks, chairs and laptops etc. as well as earn an income from completing work. I am looking forward to seeing how this progresses throughout the term. Will keep you posted!

Health & Wellbeing: Rights and Responsibilities in the classroom, Personal Goals and Getting Along

Digital Technologies: The class will be using Literacy Pro, Typing Tournament, Makers Empire, Maths Online and Reflex Maths. These are educational websites to reinforce their learning.

Specialised Curriculum

The students will have **Visual Arts** with Ms Glasper on Wednesdays. Our focus throughout this term will be linked to the elements of shape, line and texture. We will begin the term by exploring different ways line can be used to enhance a drawing.

Mr Rob will be taking the class for **Music** & Italian on Thursdays. Students will explore various genres of music (past to current) and make connections to song lyrics, style, form and dance movement as guided by the Australian Curriculum. Students will experiment with rhythm, pitch, dynamics and expression by listening to established well known artists and creating original music compositions using percussive and tuned (melodic) instruments. All students will experiment with fundamental elements of music including scales, melody, harmony, key and time signatures. Students will practice active listening skills and respectfulness of themselves and others as performers, as audience members during school assemblies and out of school during excursions.

In **Italian**, students will practice listening, translating and responding in the Italian language. Students will continue to explore elements of Italian culture, past and present through traditional stories, music, art and craft as guided by the Australian Curriculum (ACARA) for LOTE / Italian. Lesson activities throughout Term 1 will build on the foundations of Italian language, grammar and punctuation as practiced throughout 2018.

Mr Daniel Nguyen will be taking them for **PE** lessons this term on Tuesdays. This term students in Year 5 & 6 will be developing teamwork, communication and spatial awareness in movement games. Students will also be focusing on athletics track and field events.



I believe in developing a happy, supportive classroom that works collaboratively together to achieve the best possible outcomes for everyone. At Richmond Primary we use whole school approaches to literacy, numeracy and student wellbeing. I am focused on creating a classroom community of POWERFUL learners! My expectations are based on the school values of Care, Honesty, Effort, Respect and Resilience.

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