

Creswick Primary School Term Planner

Term 1, 2023

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Welcome to Creswick Primary School! I am so excited to have your child in my class this year. Each term you will receive a Parent Planner which will outline some key details for that term, including key dates, and what we will be learning about in class. If you have any concerns or questions at any time, please see me! After school is always easier, or we can make an appointment at a time that suits us both. We look forward to sharing this year of learning with you and your child.

Our First Two Weeks – Students will take part in our Start-Up Program which focuses on building relationships between student and teacher and each other, setting up classroom routines and expectations, learning about our school values, school wide positive behaviours and building excitement for learning.

School Values

Respect

Safety

Resilience

Personal Best

Integrated Studies – We will be exploring the four school values and our School Behaviour Expectations. Students will take part in the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships program. This term our focus will be on emotional literacy, personal strengths and positive coping.

Mathematics

Number and Algebra – Students will be learning to count by 1's forward and backward to 10 and beyond, how to recognise, order, compare, subitise and write numbers to 10 and beyond. They will also learn about colour and shape patterns.

Measurement and Geometry – Students will be learning how to sort, describe and name familiar two-dimensional shapes, and three-dimensional objects in the environment.

Statistics and Probability – Students will explore the features of and create pictographs regarding things about themselves e.g. Who is in my family? What colour hair do we have? They will also ask and answer yes/no questions to gather information about each other, and then organise responses into simple data displays using objects and drawings.

English

Language Experience – Play based learning will be a major focus for students this term. As we explore topics about our family, colours and nursery rhymes. Language Experiences integrate speaking and listening, reading and writing through firsthand experiences in the classroom.

Reading workshop – Students will learn about Concepts of Print (what is a word, letter, return sweep, pointing to each word), how to 'retell the important events' of a story they have read, how to take a 'picture walk' prior to reading and how to make text-to-self connections in order to build comprehension. They will begin to identify letter-sounds and learn some common high frequency/sight words.

Writing workshop - Students will be learning about recount texts. Focusing on creating detailed pictures, copying text and beginning to record some letter-sounds or known words.

Sounds Write Program – Students will take part in daily phonic activities where they will learn to identify letter-sounds, write, and build CVC words and write words in sentences.



SOUNDS - WRITE
First Rate Phonics

Speaking and Listening - will support Reading and Writing through retelling events in chronological order. 'Show and Tell' will take place where students will present on the topic 'All about Me'. A note will come home regarding this. We will also have a 'class pet' (Sid the Sloth) that students will have a turn to take home and then bring him back, and share their adventures with the rest of the class.

Home reading - Regular routines should be developed at home.

- Nightly reading for *at least 10 minutes* is expected on school nights with Reading Diaries signed. New books will be given out on a Monday. ***It is expected that students bring their diary to school daily in their Reader Bag.***
- Practise alphabet sounds, Sounds Write unit words or high frequency/sight words (*coloured words*) *daily*. *Your child will begin with the golden coloured words. You can play matching games, make the words using playdough or magnetic letters, read as flash cards etc.* Please let me know once your child requires the next coloured words.
- Reader Bags and diaries will be sent home in Week 3.

Key Dates in Term 1

All Wednesdays in Feb – no school, only bring your child for their interview
13th March – Labour Day Public Holiday
27th March – EcoLinc Excursion
6th April - Last Day of Term 1
7th April – Good Friday
24th April – Term 2 commences
25th April – ANZAC Day Public Holiday
* School Nurse Visit Term 1 (date to be confirmed)

Specialist lessons – Students participate in four specialist lessons each week on the following days:

Monday – Library (borrowing will commence in a few weeks and students will use their Reader Bag for their library books).

Tuesday – Visual Art and Indonesian

Thursday – PE

Seesaw – For those who are not familiar with Seesaw, it is the online learning platform used at Creswick Primary School to share some of the learning activities students have been completing. Please note that Compass is the key online platform for communication from the school or with teachers. An invite to 'join' our class will be sent to parents/carers next week. I will also send home a hardcopy of your login details.

General reminders

Belongings – Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly named. School hats stay at school, but please feel free to take your child's hat home if you wish to wash it and pop it back in their school bag.

Sunscreen – If possible, we ask that sunscreen is applied at home before your child comes to school. We have sunscreen in the classroom that they can reapply before lunch play. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Change of clothes – If possible, we ask that a change of clothes be placed in your child's bag, just in case. We have limited supply of clothing at school that we can supply if accidents happen. Thank you!

Toys – If possible, please discourage your child from bringing toys to school from home, unless it is something to support their wellbeing as they settle into school. Toys from home can be a distraction or cause upset if they are lost at school. Thank you for your understanding about this.

After school pick up – School finishes at 3:30pm, please do not enter the school grounds before this time unless you have an appointment or have made arrangements to do so, in which case you will need to sign in at the office. This is to ensure that the school is following its Child Safety Policy obligations. I will walk students out of the classroom/gallery to meet you just outside these areas when the bell goes.

School nurse visit – Students will bring home consent forms to participate in the school nurse visit. If you would like your child to have an appointment with the school nurse, consent forms must be returned by **Thursday 23rd February, 2023**.