



# Term 1 Stage News

## Stage 1



### Welcome!

Welcome back to another year at Forest Lodge Public School! We are so excited for a fabulous year of learning! We've had a wonderful start to 2024 and are settling into our new classes and routines.

#### Stationery Packs:

All stationery packs have arrived and will stay in your child's class to use over the year.

#### Crunch and Sip:

Each day we have Crunch and Sip which is a fruit or vegetable snack and a drink of water. Please make sure your child brings in Crunch and Sip and a water bottle each day as well as their usual recess and lunch.

#### Hats:

Students must wear hats at recess and lunch every day and for sport and all outdoor activities. Please bring a hat to school every day.

#### Investigative Learning:

Investigative Learning occurs 3 or 4 afternoons per week. Learning areas reflect what is being studied in English, maths, history, PDHPE and science lessons, as well as the interests of the children in class.

We would greatly appreciate any donations of construction materials (cereal boxes, cardboard tubes, paper cups etc) as well as any donations of second hand toys (lego, trains, dramatic play etc).



### Important Dates



Fri 23rd Feb: P & C Welcome BBQ  
Fri 29th Mar: Good Friday  
Mon 1st Apr: Easter Monday  
Wed 10th Apr: P & C Mother's Day Breakfast AND School Photos  
Thu 11th Apr: Colour Fun Run  
Fri 12th Apr: Last day of Term 1  
Tue 30th Apr: First day of Term 2



### English



Literacy occurs every day and includes speaking and listening, reading, writing, viewing, phonics, spelling, grammar and handwriting.

In Term 1, we are focusing on reading quality literature as well as learning about narrative elements including character, setting and story structure. We will explore the role characters play in texts and begin investigating figurative language. Students in Stage 1 will engage in daily writing sessions based on the mentor text the class is focused on for the week.

Students will also engage in phonics, spelling, reading fluency, reading comprehension and grammar lessons.



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## Home Reading

Students in Year 1 will bring home decodable readers that are based on the sounds they have been learning in class. This will enable children to use their knowledge of letter-sound relationships that they have been taught in class, experience success in home reading and build their fluency. Students may also bring home other books for you to read to your child during Home Reading.

Students in Year 2 will bring home a mixture of texts to read at home. Natural language texts are books such as library books, picture books and small chapter books. In Year 2, we encourage students to read daily to an adult and also either read a text independently or listen to an adult read a natural language text to them.

## Mathematics

Maths is taught daily and encompasses all strands of the mathematics curriculum. Activities including hands-on games, written work, mental strategies and group activities.

Number Talks will focus on developing students' mental maths strategies and communicating their mathematical thinking and reasoning.

Term 1 will focus on place value, number bonds, additive strategies, patterns, 2D shapes, measurement and data.

## History and Geography

Stage 1 students will investigate the past and learn about the terms that describe the passage of time. They look at dates and times that are significant to them.

Students will learn a range of historical skills including examining historical sources, inferring details from historical photographs, looking at primary and secondary sources and discussing different perspectives.

## PDHPE

Class Sport - Children will participate in weekly fitness/sport lessons with their class plus daily short fitness breaks such as dancing and skipping.

As part of Personal Development and Health, students will be looking at how to keep healthy.

## Science

Stage 1 are learning about the diversity of animal life through observing the features and behaviour of small animals.

Students explore small animals leading to a better understanding of how their adaptations help them survive in their habitats. We will learn how animals move, feed and protect themselves.



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## Music

In music this term, students will engage in a range of performance, listening and composition activities based around several themes. They will begin by exploring Chinese Lunar New Year, then move onto learning more about percussion instruments in the unit 'Mallet Madness'. Towards the end of term, students will begin learning about Torres Strait Islander music and dance.

## Library

Stage 1 students participate in weekly library lessons where they have the opportunity to borrow books to take home. These are to be returned the following week, in their library bag. The focus this term is on navigating the library and selecting appropriate books, which pique the student's interests. Students will be engaged in lessons focused on quality literature.

## Creative Minds

Creative Minds this semester will support students' learning of the Science curriculum through hands-on investigations of forces. Students in year 1 and 2 will learn to apply design thinking to solve problems, generate ideas, and refine designs. With lots of collaborative hands-on activities, students will build their group-work skills and confidence to make bold choices, think divergently, and understand that not everything works the first time.

## The Stage 1 Team



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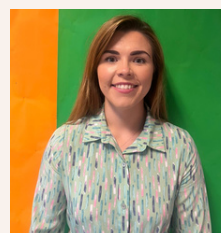
Ms Victoria Sillars  
2S



Mrs Hannaway and  
Ms Broere  
1HB



Mrs Nicole Manning  
1M



Ms Noreena  
Geraghty will be  
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Mrs Manning is on  
leave.