

WILLIAM DEAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Stage 1 Information

Welcome to Stage 1 at William Dean Public School. This year we have 4 learning teams working together in Stage 1:

1M	Mrs Garland (Mon-Wed)	Mrs McVicar (Thur-Fri)
1S	Mrs Roy	
2S	Mrs Strudwick	
2/3N	Miss Najarro	
Team Leader / Assistant Principal: Mrs McVicar		

Our Stage 1 classes are mixed ability groupings. Students will be provided with a range of challenging learning experiences, according to their individual stage of learning. Learning experiences will aim to foster academic, social, emotional and physical development. Although programs and routines may vary in each of our Stage 1 classrooms, learning outcomes are the same across each Stage 1 class. Year 3 students in 2/3N will be explicitly taught outcomes for Stage 2.

English

Students will develop their language skills through activities involving speaking, listening, reading, writing, viewing and representing. They will learn about language and literature through working with a wide range of print; including spoken, visual, and multimedia and texts. Students will learn to interpret and express their views on what they hear, see and read. They will also be provided with opportunities to create written and digital texts, and deliver formal and informal presentations.

Mathematics

Students will be provided with opportunities to develop their mathematical knowledge, skills and understanding through a range of learning experiences in number and algebra, eg whole numbers and fractions and decimals; measurement and geometry, eg length, area and time; statistics and probability, eg data and chance. They will also develop their problem-solving skills, mathematical reasoning and communication.

HSIE

In Term 1 students will engage in the unit Past and Present Family Life. Students will learn about similarities and differences in family life by comparing the present with the past. They will explore the links and the changes that occur over time and will be introduced to the use of historical sources.

PDHPE

In Term 1, student will be learning about a range of fundamental movement skills that are the building blocks for movement and form the foundation for many of the specific motor skills required in popular sports and leisure activities. Students will also be participating in Bounce Back, learning skills to develop positive relationships and resilience.

Creative Arts

In Term 1 students will engage in the unit Natural Art. Students will be learning about what artists do, who they are and what they make. They will talk about some of the symbols and techniques artists use in their making of art and they will create their own artworks about experiences of real and imaginary things, using a range of techniques.

Learning Support/Release from Face to Face.

Stage 1 teachers will be working closely with a number of other teachers who provide support and additional teaching and learning opportunities to all classes. Your child will be taught by many different teachers throughout the year.

Other in-class and School activities

- **Library:** A note will be sent home informing you of your child's library day.
- **Carnivals:** Stage 1 will participate in the K-2 Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals.
- **Scripture:** Students will have an opportunity to attend scripture class each Tuesday.
- **Stage 1 Excursions and In-School Performances/Programs** - Throughout the year, the children in Stage 1 will have an opportunity to participate in a number of educational experiences which will support the Stage 1 teaching and learning program. Year 3 students in 2/3N will also have the opportunity to participate in the Stage 2 excursion.

Assessment and Reporting

Throughout the year the children in Stage 1 will be continually assessed in all areas of learning and their progress will be reported to parents on a regular basis. Parent and Teacher Interviews will take place at the end of Term 1. Reports will be sent home at the end of Semester 1 and Semester 2.

Homework

In Stage 1, homework tasks will support the teaching and learning occurring in the classroom. Homework will consist of English and Mathematics activities and daily reading. All Stage 1 students will be given access to Bug Club (an online Reading Website). Homework will commence in Week 6 Term 1. Specific information will be sent home with the homework books next week.

Student Equipment

Most equipment required by Stage 1 students will be provided through the voluntary school contribution. This includes lead pencils, coloured pencils, glue, scissors and workbooks. However, it would be greatly appreciated if the students could bring the following items, clearly labelled with their name.

- a library bag
- a paint shirt
- a box of tissues (for whole class use)
- headphones (for personal use on school XOS)

These optional items would be greatly appreciated throughout the year should you like to contribute additional classroom equipment though the year

- white board markers (for whole class use)
- a packet of large clip lock bags (for whole class use)
- paper towel (for whole class use)

Parent/Carer Helpers

Parent/carers are always welcomed and greatly appreciated. There are many different ways you could volunteer your time, both in the classroom and home. From covering books, cutting and bagging games, participating in school events or volunteering help within the classroom for reading and mathematics groups. Many of our school events and programs are successful because of the support from our community. If you are interested in assisting please see your child's teacher.

We look forward to a fun and enriching year of learning together.

Mrs McVicar, Mrs Garland, Mrs Roy, Mrs Strudwick, Miss Najarro,
Stage 1 Teachers