



**WELCOME TO YEAR 2**

Welcome back to Majura Primary School. This year, we are celebrating International Fruits and Vegetables. The year two classes have been named as follows: Lovely Lychees, Pineapples, Finger Limes, Strawberries and Coconuts.

**YEAR 2 TEACHERS**

- Lovely Lychees (Jess Lee [Jessica.Lee@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Jessica.Lee@ed.act.edu.au))
- Pineapples (Ms Rogers [Katie.Rogers@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Katie.Rogers@ed.act.edu.au))
- Finger Limes (Rami Paul [Rami.Paul@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Rami.Paul@ed.act.edu.au))
- Strawberries (Mrs Chibnall [Laura.Chibnall@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Laura.Chibnall@ed.act.edu.au))
- Coconuts (Mr Lawrence [Jason.Lawrence@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:Jason.Lawrence@ed.act.edu.au))

**ENGLISH**

- Formal reading groups will begin in week 5. These groups cater for individual student ability and focus on building and improving important reading skills. If you would like to assist with reading groups please touch base with your child’s teacher and make sure you have your Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card up to date.
- In writing sessions, we will focus on the genre of recounts. This involves retelling personal experiences, events and stories. We will also explore Indigenous texts as part of our inquiry unit.
- Explicit handwriting lessons will focus on correct pencil grip, letter formation and spacing.
- Spelling is incorporated in all aspects of the curriculum with explicit teaching of letters and sounds.

**SPECIALISTS**

- Music:** In music, year 2 shall demonstrate their aural skills by staying in tune and keeping in time. They will continue their development in music literacy.
- Drama:** Students will explore the elements in drama, respond to and create drama using voice, facial expression, movement and space through improvisation, games and storytelling.
- Sustainability:** Each week, students will take part in a 45 minute Sustainability lesson with either Emily or Mel. These lessons will focus on the cultural, spiritual or historical significance of local places such as Namadgi National Park and the Australian War Memorial. Students will explore the reasons for these places’ significance and why they should be protected. Key dates for this term will be Friday 5 March for ‘Clean up Australia Day’ and Friday 27 March for ‘Earth Hour’.

**INQUIRY, FRIENDLY SCHOOLS PLUS & PE**

**Science (Forces):**

During physical science, students will learn how forces can be applied to different objects.

Students will:

- Describe the components of simple systems such as stationary objects subject to pushes or pulls
- Show how objects and materials interact through direct manipulation

**History (The past in the present):**

We will be investigating how and why the lives of people have changed over time, while others have remained the same. Students will be comparing objects and places from the past and present and pose questions about these.

**Friendly Schools Plus and P.E**

In Friendly Schools Plus, students will be engaging in activities that assist them to manage their emotions and actions to improve social interactions. P.E lessons will focus on building students’ fundamental movement skills such as throwing, catching and kicking. These will be taught explicitly

**MATHEMATICS**

The understanding of mathematics is a vital skill for everyday life and it is important to take advantage of all the ‘teachable moments’ that arise each day.

This term our focus areas in *mathematics* will be:

- whole number: *counting to and from 1000 on and off the decade, recognising and writing numbers of increasing size and subitising*
- data and graphing: *looking at surveying, collecting and interpreting data that is relevant to students’ daily lives*
- interpreting and using calendars: understanding the order of the months and seasons, identifying how many days there are in each month, reading and marking events in a calendar.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Music</b>	Coconuts, Strawberries, Finger Limes and Lovely Lychees	Lovely Lychees, Pineapples and Finger Limes	Strawberries		
<b>Drama</b>	Pineapples and Finger Limes	Coconuts and Strawberries	Lovely Lychees		
<b>Sustainability</b>	Coconuts and Strawberries	Lovely Lychees, Finger Limes and Pineapples			