

## THE ARTS FACTORY

Welcome to Term One, 2017. We'd like to extend an extra warm welcome to Scout and Billy and their families.

Our overarching theme this term ties into the poetry festival and therefore we have coined the theme name.... THE ARTS FACTORY. We had a brainstorm in our first week and the children have come up with an array of "Arts" that they would like to study this term. These include but are not limited to: visual arts, music, poetry, writing, movement, dance, drama and martial arts. We will integrate the above and their sub-strands into our learning program.

Our poetry unit will be kick-started with the book, *The Bat- Poet* by Randall Jarrell. This will be followed by, writing and analyzing a variety of poems as well as studying literary techniques and writing conventions.

Throughout this term, students will also be encouraged to share their favourite poetry with their peers.

The Group 3 children will be conducting an inquiry this term. This inquiry learning process will be teacher facilitated and student directed. Students will begin by picking a topic of their choice. The inquiry sequence will basically revolve around a progression of:

- framing and focusing questions,
- locating, organising and analysing evidence,
- evaluating, synthesizing and reporting conclusions,

- possibly taking action of some sort,
- reflection and evaluation.

World Water Day is traditionally an annual fundraising event for Group 3. Judy Charnaud, OZGREEN Program manager will be giving a demonstration and presentation on the availability of water in East Timor. The children (with your permission) and the accompaniment of a teacher/parent will head to the local shopping centres to raise money to buy filtration units for the people of Oecusse, Timor Leste.

Maths toolbox will focus on place value and formal calculations using the 4 operations (multiplication, division, addition and subtraction.)

We have bravely decided (the children that is!) that we will cater for mains and dessert for snack attack. Children will work out a menu as well as calculate the amount of ingredients needed and compute the costing.

Due to the extreme weather we are experiencing in Sydney at the moment, we will be gathering local and global temperature data and plotting this information daily onto classroom charts. This will help children consolidate their understanding of negative and positive integers as well as reading and interpreting numerical data.

What's on:

**Tuesday** – swimming. Please pick up from Terrey Hills Swim Centre. Children need to bring swimming costume, towel, goggles, cap, hat and shoes. Our first swimming session will begin on 14<sup>th</sup> February.

**Wednesday** – Wheels

**Thursday** – Violin

**Friday** – French

We are hoping to reschedule our Narrabeen Lakes excursion to **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February**. Drop off at 9am and pick up at 2.45, Berry Reserve carpark, Pittwater Rd, Narrabeen.

6<sup>th</sup> March - World water Day incursion with Judy Charnaud.

World Water Day fundraising day – TBA.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March & Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Tinkering

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> & Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Yurt Farm

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Poetry Festival.