

Year Satu and Dua Merah Hub News

We welcome our new Year 2 students to Red Hub. We wish you a year full of challenging learning experiences, making memories and most of all FUN!



Communication

Communication between child, teacher and parents/carers is vital to the success of your child's education. This can be done in many ways, such as, the newsletter, notes, phone calls, email, reports and the Seesaw app.

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Conversations

Please ensure you have made an appointment via CareMonkey and check your meet and greet appointment time.

If you have moved or changed any of your details please ensure your Caremonkey profile is updated with the correct information.

Written Reports

Teachers provide written reports to parents at the conclusion of Semester One and Semester Two which are emailed out.



Seesaw App

Red Hub students use the Seesaw App for their digital learning journal and as a form of communication to parents. Seesaw is another important way of reporting student achievements to parents and it will be used throughout the year. Once you have signed up to your child's account and been approved by your child's teacher, you can visit your child's digital learning journal. You can leave engaging and positive comments under your name and it can also be a conversation starter about the day. If you have not received a QR code or email regarding setup please contact your classroom teacher.

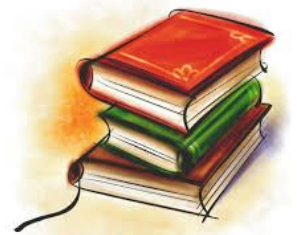
Absence

If your family is taking a holiday throughout the year and you will be away for more than five days, please be sure to notify your teacher to set up a learning plan while you are away. If you are away for an extended period of time, an email to the principal principal@staroceanrove.catholic.edu.au to request leave is required. If your child is late to school or leaving early due to appointments or other reasons please remember to sign your child out at the office electronically.

Reading

Take Home Books

Since day one of the term the students have taken home a book as their take home book. The reader that your child brings home are not intended to be at a challenging text, just slightly below their instructional reading level. The reason for this being, reading at home is a chance for your child to consolidate their learning at school and work on building fluency and expression. Sometimes your child may have the same book for a couple of nights or might bring home the same book that they have had before. This is not an issue, as it is again helping to build fluency and expression. As comprehension is an important component of reading, it is important to talk about the text together after your child has read their book. Discuss the main events, the characters and what the story tells you about them, as well as any challenging words and what they might mean. Your child should read a range of fiction and nonfiction texts.



The student's reading should be recorded in their yellow reading journal which should be kept in their green folder.

Spelling

At Star of the Sea all classes follow a spelling program. The children will have a spelling lesson on a Monday and complete spelling activities daily. Words may seem simple but are based on high frequency words, the spelling pattern for the week or errors when writing. Your child will receive a spelling list on Monday. Students are expected to practise their spelling words at least four times a week using the activity guide in their Spelling book and will be tested on their words every Friday. Just a reminder that if you test your child verbally, you can sign and date their word list as this counts as an activity.

Talk Time

Talk Time is a wonderful way for your child to gain confidence and practise speaking clearly to an audience. Students will have a set day to present their Talk Time topic fortnightly, on the non Specialist week. Your child's talk should go for no longer than two minutes. You will receive a new list of Talk Time topics each term. Please support your child in helping them to prepare and rehearse their talk at home. Encourage them to introduce themselves at the beginning of their talk and thank their audience for listening at the conclusion. Often students like to bring something in to show as this helps to jog their memory and create discussion.

Homework

It is an expectation that Red Hub students read at least four times a week at home and record this reading in their Reading Journal. Spelling words for the week should be practised at least four times using a variety of activities which will be suggested inside the Spelling workbook.

It is important that your child completes their homework activities regularly as their class teacher will be required to report on this.

Red hub 1 from week 4

Specialist Classes

Our specialist days are fortnightly, Wednesdays for Year One and Thursday for Year Two (Weeks 1. 3. 5. 7. 9 in term one) The children will have Performing Arts, Physical Education, Digital Technologies and Science as their specialist classes. Sports uniform is to be worn every Wednesday (Year One) or Thursday (Year Two) and every Friday for Sport activities.

Library

The Year One children will have the opportunity to borrow books from our school library every Monday afternoon and the Year Two children on a Friday afternoon. The students are able to borrow up to two books. Students need a named library bag and cannot borrow whilst they have overdue books.

Indonesian

We will continue to learn Indonesian in our classrooms and share some of our new words and phrases at home. Watch for the new words we are learning in our fortnightly newsletter.

Parent Volunteers

Parents/carers wishing to assist in the hub area during Reading and Mathematics time are welcome to put their name on the Parent Volunteer Roster which can be found attached to the notice boards in both Red Hub One and Two. Please remember all volunteers must be registered with the school and have a current Working with Children Check.



Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday, February 25th is the day before Ash Wednesday and traditionally was the day when all sugar and flour was used up before a period of fasting began in Lent. To acknowledge this tradition, students will be making pancakes. If you are available to assist with cooking, please email your Learning Support teacher.

EARTH FEST

Yr 2 will be holding a plant stall. If you would like to contribute to this stall in any way, please contact Sue.



Bushfire Response

 Friday 21st February Casual clothes (Gold coin donation)

As you will have read in the main newsletter on Friday 21st February, we will be having a dress up day where students are invited to come dressed as "Someone Who Cares for Others." This could be a firefighter, nurse, lifeguard, parent, grandparent, vet, friend etc....or even themselves. We ask that children use their own money to provide a gold coin donation on the day. We will also leave a donation box in the office for anyone who wishes to contribute further. At the request of Alice in Year 6, whose grandfather lost his home in Mallacoota, a portion of

this money will also go to a wildlife organisation. If you have not read the email from Matt Hamer, Principal of St Brendan's PS, Lakes Entrance, please return to the main newsletter.

Current Curriculum Topics in Red Hub

| | Year 1 | Year 2 |
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| Reading | Fluency and Comprehension | Fluency and Comprehension Structure and features of non-fiction and fiction texts |
| Writing | Recount and Narrative Writing VCOP skills | Recount and Narrative Writing VCOP skills |
| Mathematics | Number, Place Value, Addition & Subtraction | Number, Patterns, Place Value, Time and Data |
| Inquiry/Religion (<u>with God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26)</u>) | Ready to Learn and Our Celebration of the Earth | Working and Growing Together |

General Reminders

- ★ In the event of an absence from school, please ensure that you email your child's classroom teacher on the day, if possible before the start of a school day as roll marking takes place by 9:15am.
- ★ Children are to have a water bottle at school.
- ★ Please remember to send fresh fruit for your child for fruit break time.
- ★ Please send your child's food in named nude food containers and any rubbish wrappers that come into school go home in your child's lunchbox.
- ★ Please provide your child with a named Art smock, a Library bag and a box of tissues.

Have a great week.

