

STAFFING

Room 7	Frances Coleman	Year 2
Room 8	Kylie Wight <i>Syndicate Leader</i> & Carolyn Crook	Year 2
Room 9	Leigh Rogers	Year 2
Room 10	Charlotte Edgar	Year 2
Room 11	Bron Andrew	Year 0/1
Room 12	Katie Crabb	Year 0/1
Room 14	Nickie Marshall & Marion Martin	Year 1
Room 15	Sharon Reynolds	Year 0/1
	<i>Year 1 Leader</i>	
Room 21	Nikki Loy	Year 0

Term Dates:

As these are detailed in the school calendar, below are some dates of specific importance to the Junior Syndicate. All dates for the year are on the calendar on the front page of our website: www.victoriaave.com

20 October	Pyjama Day
27 October	Grandparents Day
27 October - 13 November	Life Education Van at school
30 November - 4 December	Healthy School Week

VICTORIA AVENUE SCHOOL



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SOCIAL GOAL

Students will use the Key Competency of Thinking, combined with the Values of Kindness and Consideration to interact within our learning and wider community.

Curriculum	Year 1 and 2
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class literacy programmes will include reading, writing, oral and visual language. This term we will be continuing to look at and refine our recount writing. During this time we will be focusing on the strategies required to become an independent writer, such as make attempts at unknown words, and using alphabet/blend/dictionary cards to access letters and words. Children will also be encouraged to re-read their work to proof read and edit. • The children will also be looking at the 'deeper features' required to write an interesting recount. In addition children will be exposed to genres such as letter writing, interviews, and character descriptions relating to their Inquiry Learning. • The Junior School reading programme is centred around a whole language approach, including shared book, guided reading groups and a range of independent follow up activities. • Reading at home continues to be an important part of the children's reading programme. Pupils are encouraged to practise at home by reading a variety of different texts, such as library books, publishing, poems, packets, etc. • Year 1 children will be learning alphabet, blends and high frequency words as their spelling programme. Year 2 children will continue to learn a list of 10 essential words as a part of their home learning each week. • Regular handwriting practice will continue to develop the formation, shape and size of letters, using the correct pencil grip. During oral language we will be asking questions of our grandparents during Grandparents Day.
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our mathematics programme will include developing the children's knowledge of number, including place value and use of number strategies to solve simple problems. • In addition, this term our measurement focus will be to study time. • Please note that in the Junior School, children do not receive any home learning for maths but you can assist with their mathematical development by playing board games at home and reading numbers that you see around you, and working with them, e.g. doubling numbers, halving numbers, saying numbers before and after, etc.
Inquiry Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This term our Inquiry learning focus is on our community, focusing in particular on our grandparents. The children will be exploring how their lives differ from their grandparents' childhood. • The Key Competency for this term is Thinking, and the value we will be focusing on is Kindness and Consideration. Children will be exploring the ways in which they use these in our community.
Health & Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run, Jump, Throw • Throw a variety of objects for distance, jump from one foot to two feet/ two feet to two feet/ two feet to one foot, hop and leap, safe landing and take off, demonstrate running at different speeds. • Jump Jump! (Skipping) • Skipping with a range of ropes, skipping games and activities. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Clare Whittington</i></p>
ICT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juniors are taking a favourite classroom story to rewrite in Kidpix and develop into an audio slideshow for the blog: www.junior-school-vas.blogspot.com • If there is time they will make a Christmas card in Kidpix or Comic Life. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Jason Des Forges</i></p>