

Stage 1 Excursion to Brewongle Environmental Centre

Stage 1 will be visiting Brewongle Environmental Education centre (**Year 1 and S1W on Friday 16th March and Year 2 on Tuesday, 20th March 2018**) for a whole day excursion. The program 'Reptile Recon' is linked to our Science unit of work for Stage 1, "Watch it Grow". The program allows students to explore their forest, ponds, soil and birdlife to discover the whereabouts of their 'lost' lizards. Students will

- Use equipment including binoculars and microscopes to find reptile habitat clues and solve the mystery.
- Use trowels and sieves to search, collect, observe and identify terrestrial bugs found under leaf litter, soil and bark.
- Use dip nets to search, collect, observe and identify aquatic bugs in action.
- Utilise the scientific equipment in the Earth Lab to further investigate and learn more about these amazing bugs.

The cost per student is \$31 - this includes program cost to cover Brewongle and the bus fare.

Please ensure your child arrives at school by 8:30am to have their name marked off in their classroom. The bus will be **leaving at 8.45am** and **returning approximately at 3pm**. Recess and lunch need to be taken with the students as there is nowhere to purchase lunch at the venue.

Financial assistance is available for families. Please contact the office if this is required. Please note that in case of absence, the bus fare is not refundable.

Please return a signed permission note, with payment by **Tuesday 13th March**, to the school office. Notes will go home today.

Please note late payments WILL NOT be accepted.

Deanne Witchard and Hani Farag
Organising Teachers



Upcoming incursions



Blackwell PS have two very exciting incursions planned for the end of this term, our **Superhero Day Friday 23rd March** and our **Commonwealth Games day on Friday 6th April**.

The cost of these incursions are included in our "School Pack". It has everything they require from pencils and glue sticks to whiteboard markers and books to do their school work in. **It also covers the cost for whole school incursions. For the first child it is \$80, the second child \$60, the third child \$40 and for every child after that, it is free!** Our school pack also includes a library bag this year. Please pay for your child's school pack as soon as possible - otherwise they miss out on these valuable incursions.

Introducing teachers of S1R - Bev Reynolds and Dominic Whitney

Hi, I'm Bev! I teach on S1R on Monday to Thursday. I have taught at several schools in Mt Druitt and Penrith and started here in 2014. I have three grown sons and three granddaughters. I live in Claremont Meadows. I love reading and watching movies and spending time with my family. My favourite place in the world is Tuscany and would love to go back!

Hi, I'm Dominic! I teach on S1R on Fridays and I cover RFF on several classes from Kindergarten to Year 5. I live in Glenmore Park. I am a newly graduated teacher and I did casual work and did my practicum experience here in 2015 with Mr Woolard so I am well known to staff and students. My interests are going to the gym and keeping fit. I have a pet dog "Louie". I love listening to different types of music and watching superhero movies.



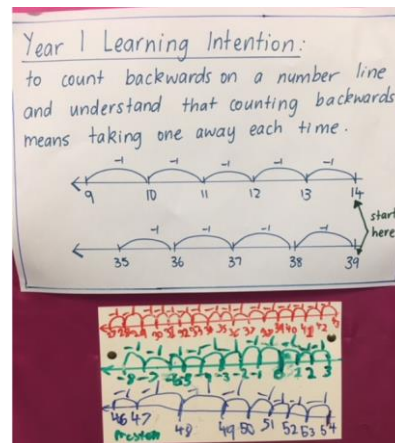
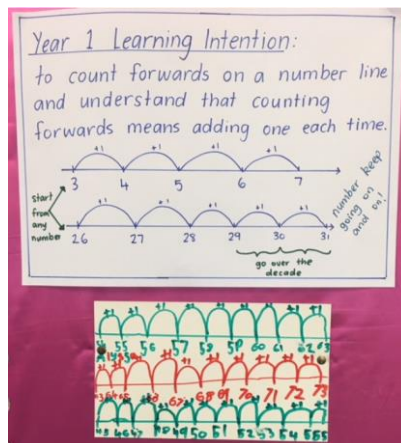
What are we learning about in Maths in stage 1?

In Year 1, students have been learning to;

Children:

- count forwards
- add counters one at a time
- recording adding counters one at a time, and the forwards count, for example, 1 2 3 4 5
- record an open empty number line
- repeatedly add 1, recording as jumps forwards on the number line, for example, 2 3 4 5
- explain counting forwards by ones is adding 1 each time
- count backwards
- subtract counters one at a time
- cross counters out one at a time, recording the backwards count, for example, 1 2 3 4 5
- record an open empty number line
- repeatedly subtract 1, recording as jumps backwards on the number line, for example, 2 3 4 5
- explain counting backwards by ones is subtracting 1 each time

For example;



In Year 2, students have been learning to;

Children:

- count forwards and backwards by 10s, on the decade identifying that they are adding or subtracting 10 each time, for example,
- count forwards and backward by 10s, off the decade identifying that they are adding or subtracting 10 each time, for example,
- explain that the ones digit doesn't change because we are adding / subtracting zero ones
- explain the tens digit goes up /down by 1 each time because we are adding /subtracting 1 ten each time

