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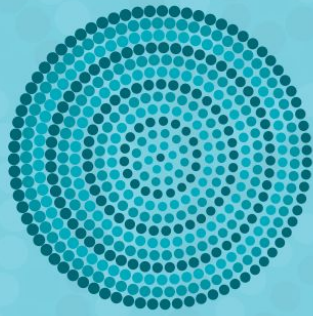
Mona Vale Public School

15 February, 2024

2024 School Year



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Acknowledgement of Country

Meet the teacher 2023

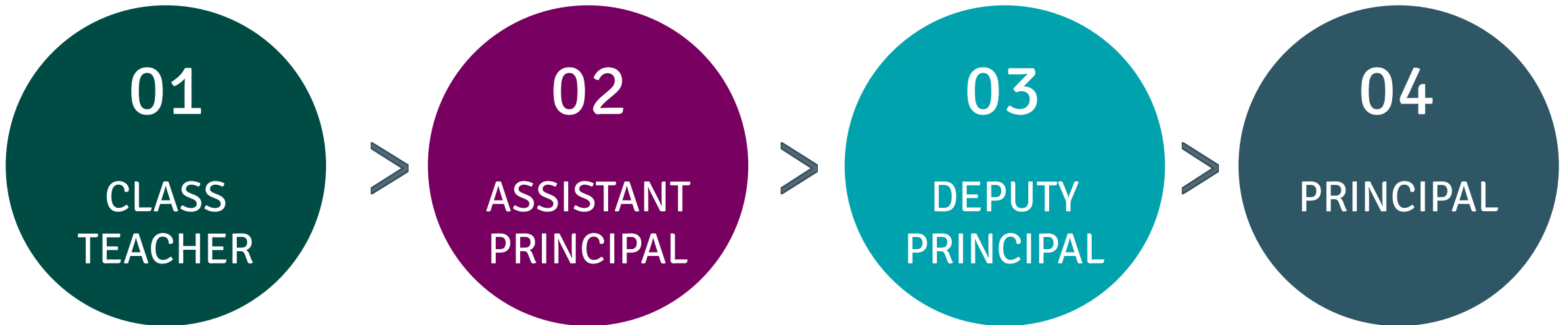
We are grateful to be able to show our respect to the Traditional People of this land, the Elders past, present and upcoming. We are honoured to be able to learn and play on this land surrounded by the ocean, bushland and the waterways of Pittwater. Our hope for the future is for a better understanding of our local history and culture.

Year 2 Classes and teachers

Assistant Principal	Mrs Nicci Williams
Class	Teacher
2L	Mrs Jacqui Davies
2S	Mrs Michelle Birke
2B	Mr Kieran Mooney
2O	Mrs Amanda Tebbatt M-W Mrs Elaine Rodrigues Th-F

Line of Communication

Please always contact your class teacher with any questions or concerns about your child. Class teachers should always be contacted prior to contacting the Assistant Principal, Deputy Principals or Principal.



Voluntary Parent Contact Information & Class Parent

Please complete the voluntary parent contact form and class parent nomination form available here today. These will also be placed on the school website.

The voluntary parent contact information form will be provided to the class parent.

Role of the Class Parent:

Class parents play an important role in the school. They facilitate communication between parents and class teachers and assist in the coordination of helpers for school events. Please see the handout in your Meet the Teacher pack for more detail.



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THE ROLE OF THE CLASS PARENT AND EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Thank you for considering the role of Class Parent. The following is a brief role statement of what is involved. Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you require any further clarification.

Class Parent Overview:

Class parents play an important role in the school. They facilitate communication between students, parents and class teachers and assist in the co-ordination of helpers for school events.

Role competencies:

- Willingness to co-ordinate and organise class activities.
- Willingness to co-ordinate helpers and liaise with P&C for school events or initiatives.
- Willingness to have fun!

Role description:

The role of Class Parent varies according to the individual needs of each class, however it usually includes the following:

- Organising a *voluntary* class contact list of parent names & details and communicating with parents should the class teacher require it
- Co-ordinating parent support to the class teacher. (e.g. helping to find reading helpers, etc)
- Co-ordinating social activities for the class if desired (e.g. picnics, holiday activities, end-of-year functions)
- Attending any Class Parent meetings.

Please note: When communicating with parents, blind copy or BCC, should be used in all emails used for class distribution. If you are unsure of how to use this function, our school office staff can assist.

If you are interested in being the Class Parent, please complete the slip below and return to your child's teacher. If multiple slips are returned, the name will be drawn out of a hat. In some cases, the role may be shared between two parents if desired.

Thank you for considering this valuable position in our school.

Expression of Interest for Class Parent

I am interested in being the Class Parent for class: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

I have been a Class Parent before: Yes / No

Waratah Street, Mona Vale NSW 2103 / Phone: 02 9939 3481
monavale-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au / monavale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Student Absences

If your child is arriving to school late, or being collected early, please provide a written note or send an email to your class teacher.

Late arrivals: any child arriving after 8:50am will need to arrive at the main Waratah street gate (with a parent). Please use the intercom to contact the office to let them know of your child's arrival.

Early departure: If you need to collect your child early, please contact your class teacher or the school office prior to arriving to collect your child. Your child will need to go to the office to sign out. Please arrive at the main Waratah gate and use the intercom to let the office know you have arrived. A staff member will walk your child to the gate to meet you.

Absences: If your child is unwell or absent from school, please respond to the SMS message you receive on their first day of absence. If your child is likely to miss more than one day of school, indicate this in the text or email the class teacher.

If your child is absent for more than 2 consecutive days and we have not heard from a parent or family member, the class teacher will contact you.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

If you are planning a holiday and will be away for 10 school days please download the holiday exemption form from our website. Please email the completed form to the school.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



Communication

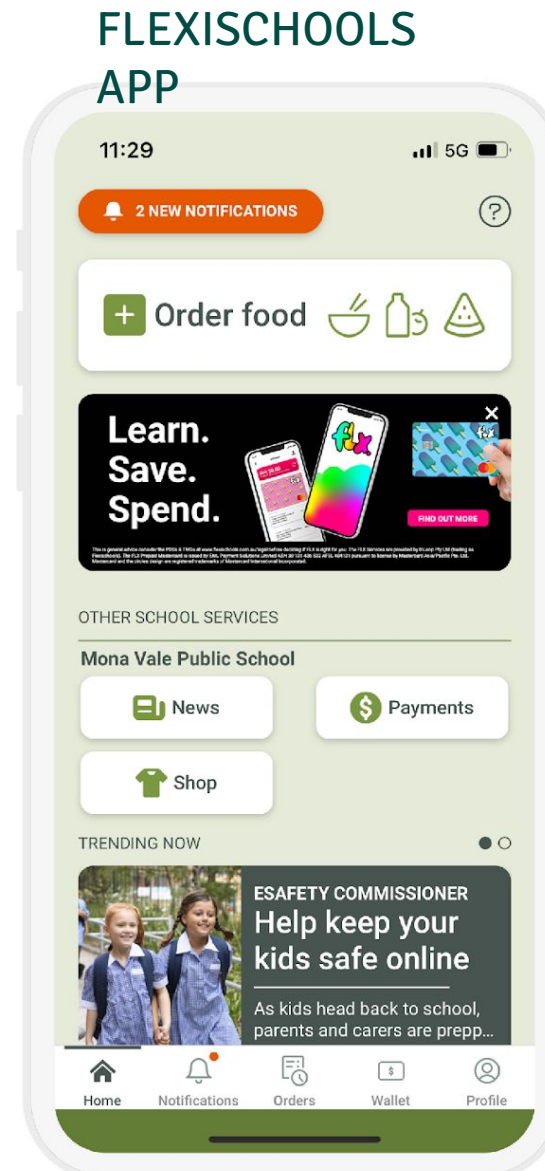
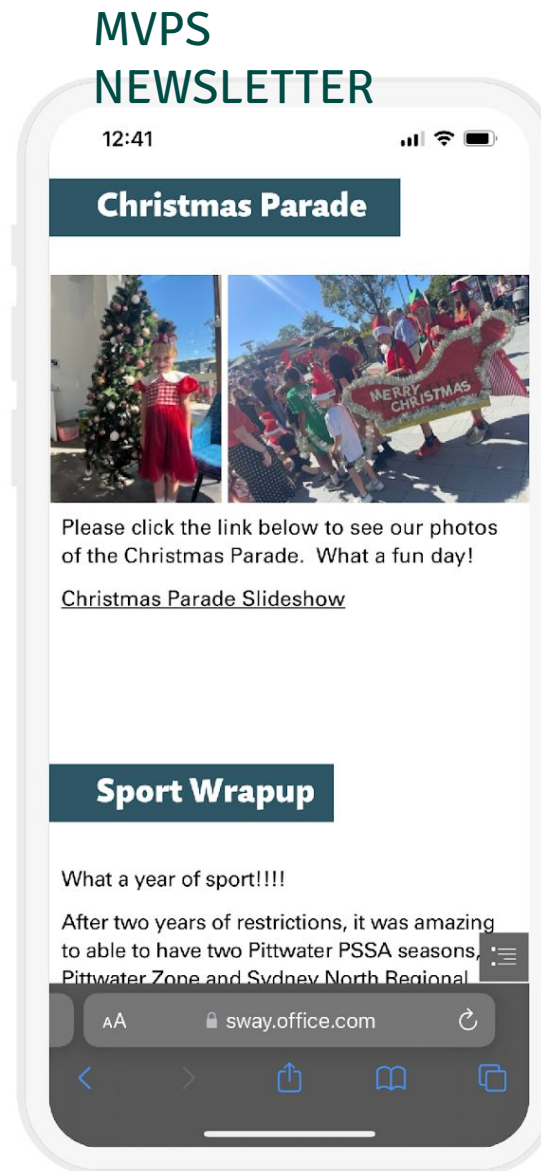
Our school newsletter is published fortnightly (even weeks) and sent out via the app.

Don't forget to download the **Flexischools** app to receive important school notifications. If you already have the app, please also remember to update your child's class this year.

The P&C Facebook page is the officially endorsed social media platform for the parent community. Administered by volunteers, it is endeavoured to be updated with any new information.

Mona Vale Public School Website:

<https://monavale-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



School Bytes

School Bytes Update

In 2024 Mona Vale Public School is transitioning to the School Bytes Parent Portal for school operations.

Please download the School Bytes App.

Activating the Parent App

1. Access the app store on your phone and search for School Bytes.

If you can't find it, here are the direct links:

Apple: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=education.schoolbytes>

2. Download the School Bytes App.

3. Use your username and password created to log on.

4. If prompted, allow notifications.



Parent App

Available now!

Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.



Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news



School Routines

Session	Time
First Bell	8:45am
Morning Session*	8:50 - 11:10
Recess	11:10 -11:40
Middle Session	11:40 - 12:50
Eating time	12:50 -1:00
Lunch	1:00 – 1:30
Afternoon Session	1:30 – 2:45

* Fruit Break is held during the morning session at approximately 10am - please ensure this is in a separate container. Please do not send in glass containers.



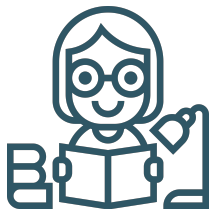
Year 2 routines

Odd weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Music Sport		Scripture Sport		

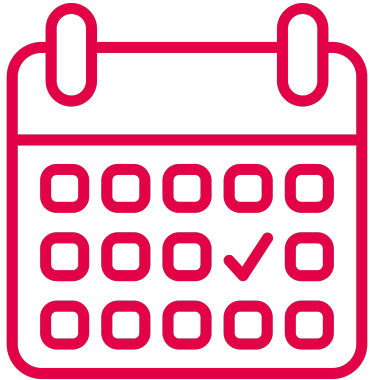
Even weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Music Sport		Scripture Sport		



Library is every fortnight- please return the books/bags so that your child can borrow.

Important events



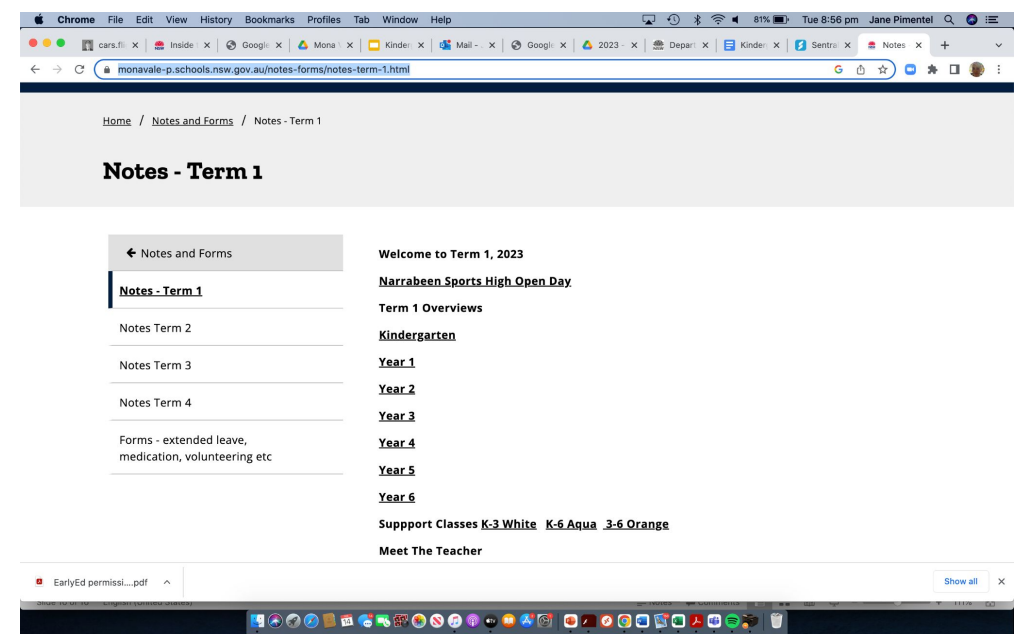
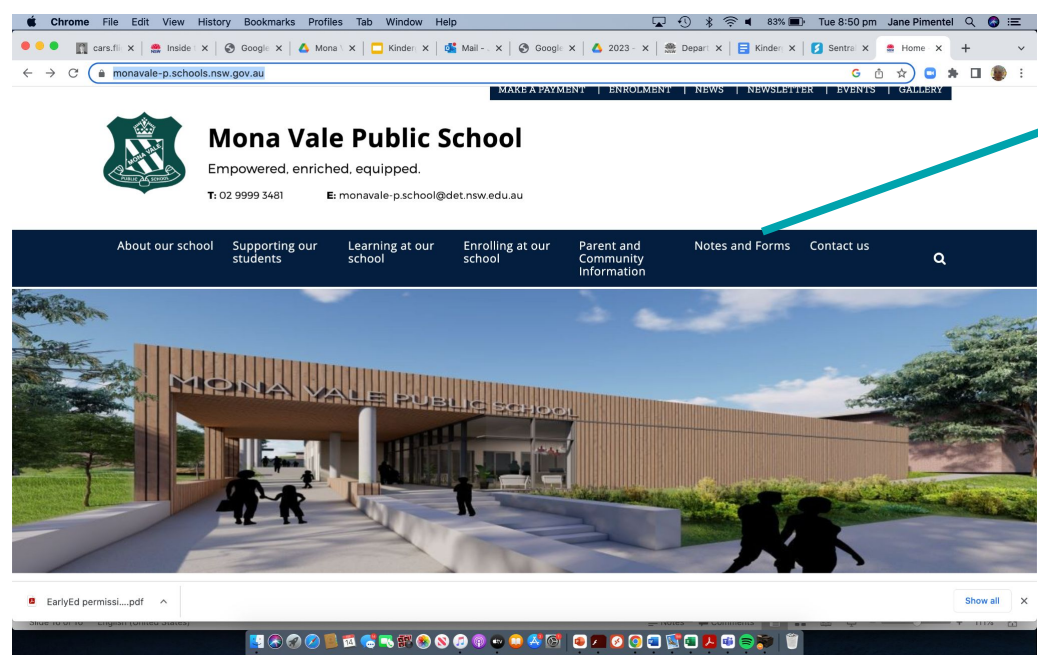
Event/s	Dates
Class Parent Induction & Afternoon Tea	Wednesday 13th March
Parent Interviews	Monday 18th March- Thursday 21st March
Easter Hat Parade	Thursday 28th March
Honour Assembly	Friday 5th April

Term overview



The Year 1 term overview can be found on the school website.

Look for the notes and forms tab and select Term 1.



NEW CURRICULUM K-6

The new curriculum, gives students more time to focus on key learning areas so that they can acquire a deeper understanding of central concepts. It will ensure students develop strong foundations for learning, life and work.

The new curriculum is underpinned by extensive research and encompasses many aspects of schooling, including teaching, learning, assessment and reporting to parents. Some key curriculum changes include:

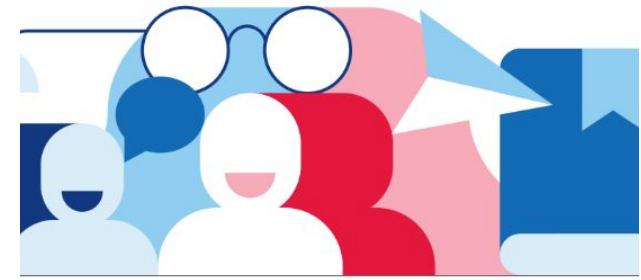
- Building strong foundations for future learning with new English and Mathematics syllabuses
- The new syllabuses focus on what is essential to know and do in early and middle years of schooling, and key learning areas in the senior years
- Providing more time for teaching by reducing the hours teachers spend on extra-curricular topics and issues and compliance requirements

For more information and/or queries around the new curriculum and its implementation at MVPS contact our Assistant Principal, Curriculum & Instruction:

Elise Milotic (elise.milotic@det.nsw.edu.au)

Erin Jones (erin.jones2@det.nsw.edu.au).

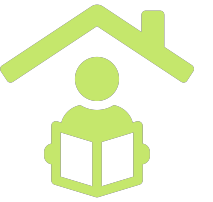
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For more information on how you can support your child at home in regards to the new curriculum scan the QR code.



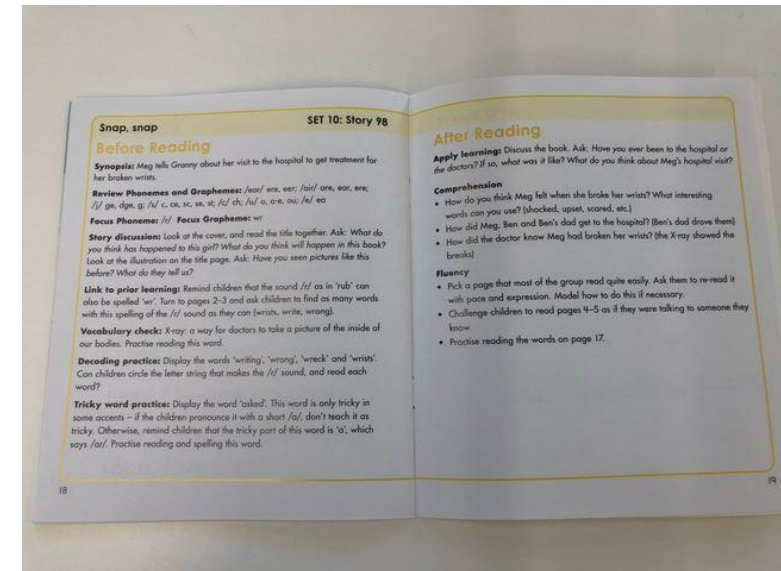
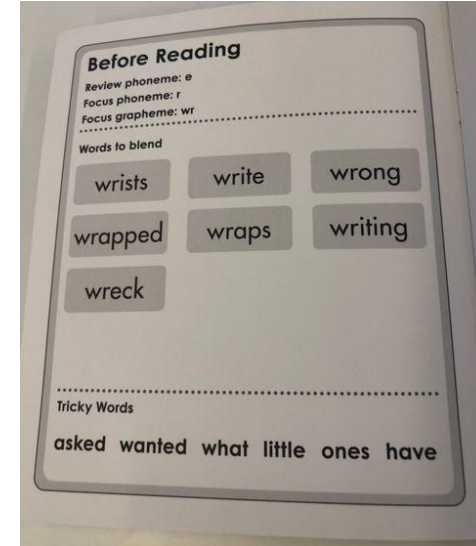
Home learning (home work)



Home learning activities for Year 2:

- Year 2 will be focusing on **READING** at home this term using home readers. Students will need to fill in their reading log each night and return their books every Monday to swap each week. Novels/chapter books from home can also be used instead of home readers.
- Our home readers are decodables and have sounds, tricky words and comprehension questions in every book.
- Please have your child read the sounds, words and tricky words at the front of each book prior to reading.
- The comprehension questions are found at the back of the book. After reading, please have your child answer the questions to check their understanding.
- Reading the books multiple times throughout the week is recommended to increase your child's reading fluency.

*School policy for Year 2 is home learning should not take more than 15-20 minutes each night plus reading. Home learning is optional.



Home learning (home work)

Home learning activities for Year 2:

- Year 2 will also have a homework grid sent home where they can choose one activity each week to complete.
- These activities are based off our Science, PHD and History/Geography units for each term.
- Please complete these activities in the homework book sent home.

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The image shows a colorful homework grid for Grade 2. At the top left, it says 'GRADE 2 homework' in pink and black text. To the right is a yellow star with a smiling face and a rainbow tail. Below this is a purple banner with the text 'TICK EACH TASK AS YOU COMPLETE THEM AND RECORD IN YOUR YOUR HOMEWORK BOOK'. The grid consists of nine tasks arranged in a 3x3 grid, each with a colored header and a white body containing the task description.

SCIENCE	FRIENDOLOGY	HISTORY
Make popcorn with an adult. Write a paragraph explaining the difference between un-popped and popped popcorn.	Describe what a good friend looks like. How does it make you feel when you hang out with a good friend?	Interview a member of your family and find out 5 facts that you didn't know before.
SCIENCE	CREATIVE	HISTORY
Choose two instruments and explain how they make sound.	Draw a picture of someone or something you love.	What does your family like to do together?
HEALTH	TECHNOLOGY	NUMERACY
Create your ultimate healthy breakfast. list the ingredients needed and how to prepare it.	Practice touch typing on a device. Choose a page from your reader to type up.	Skip count by 2's, 5's and 10's. write this in your book.

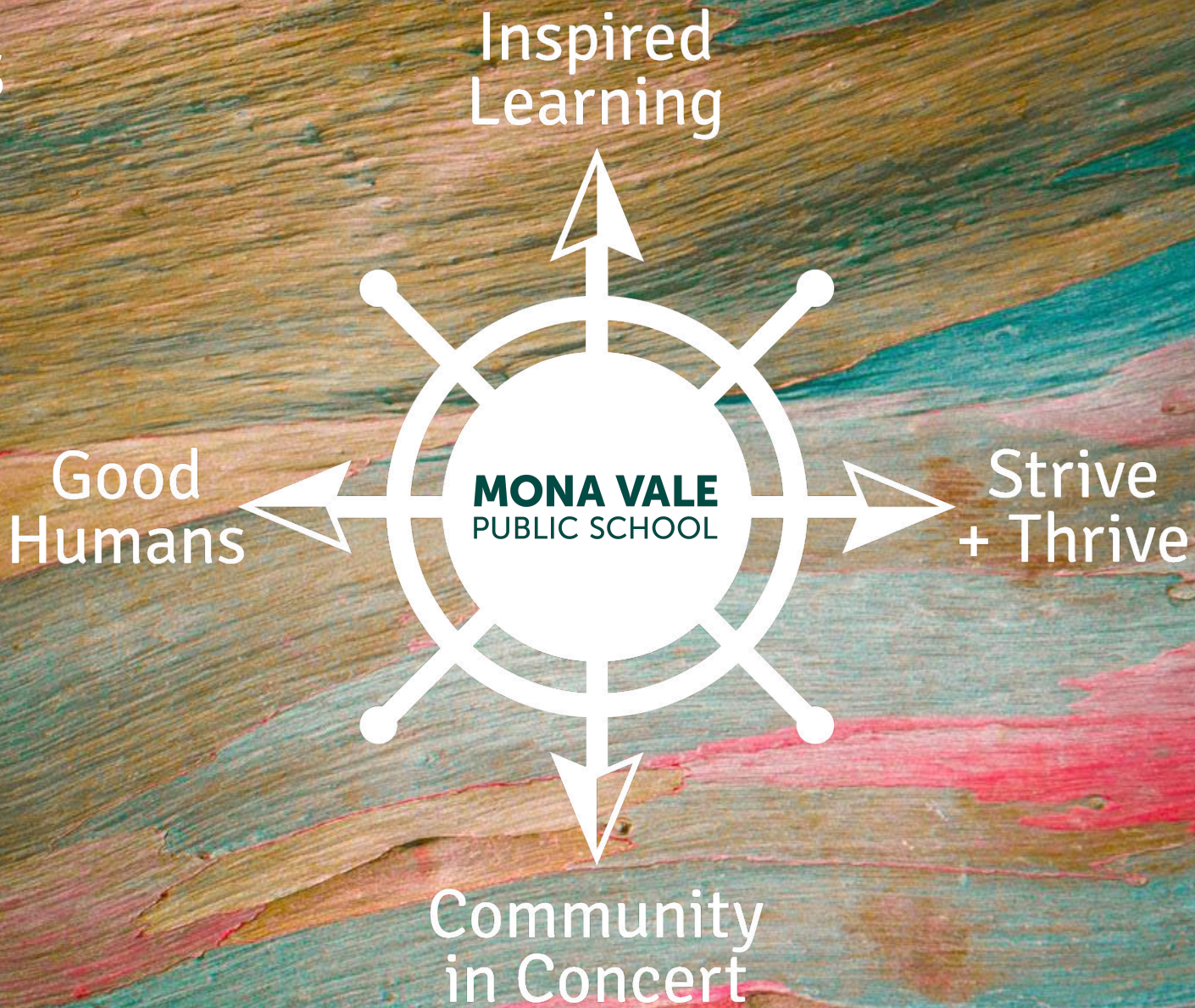
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Social emotional learning (SEL)

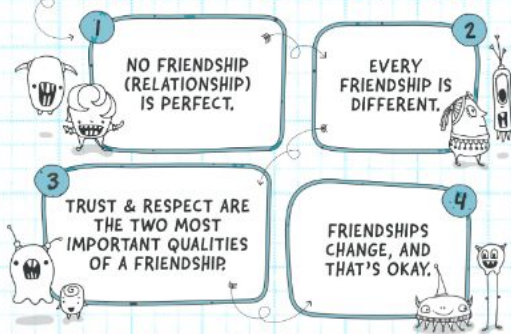
Friendology and U R Strong (Term 1)

How does URSTRONG work?

URSTRONG is all about empowering kids with friendship skills! We've developed a proven, skills-based strategy that teaches kid-friendly concepts, skills and language to help them build and maintain healthy friendships.



4 FRIENDSHIP FACTS!



Kids love to recite the 4 Friendship Facts which helps them understand what to expect in their friendships.

THE FRIEND-O-METER

A visual tool used to help children think about the difference between healthy and unhealthy friendships. Students are taught the importance of spending the most time with friendships in the **Healthy Zone**.



The Friend-o-Meter is a great tool to understand how kids feel about their friendships and what they can do to improve them.

THE FRIEND-O-CYCLE

Demonstrates the normal cycle in a healthy friendship. Children learn, step-by-step, how to **Talk-it-Out** to put out their **Friendship Fires** and move towards **Forgive & Forget**.



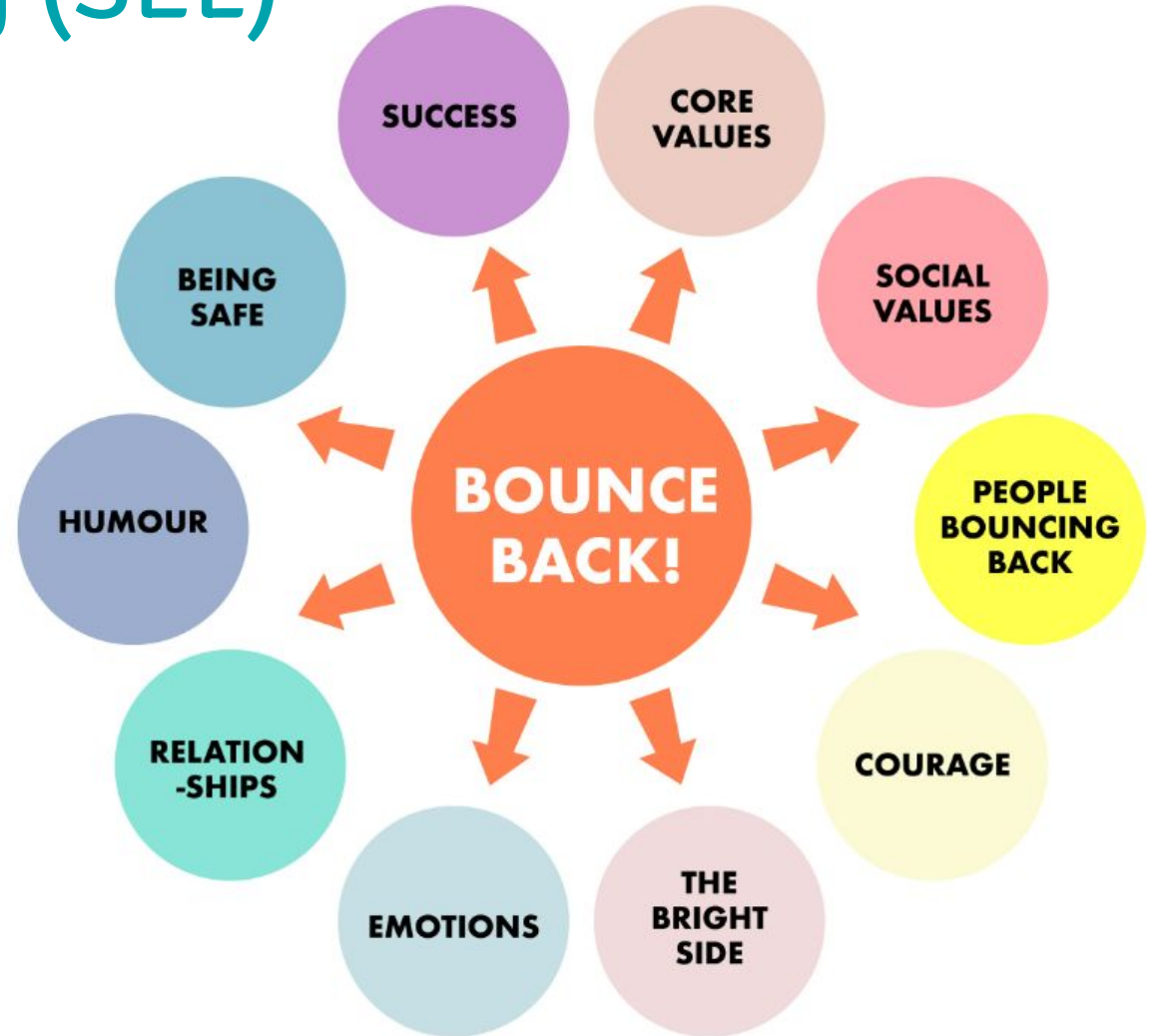
The Friend-o-Cycle helps kids understand how they can put out Friendship Fires and make their friendships closer and stronger.


























URSTRONG encourages kids to stand up for themselves in a kind, respectful way. Identifying if a conflict is a Friendship Fire vs Mean on Purpose is key!

Social emotional learning (SEL)

Bounce back (Term 2-4)



Social Media Age Restrictions

Under 13 <i>(with parental consent)</i>	13 +	16+	18+	18 <i>(13 with parental permission)</i>
 GoBubble	 Facebook	 WhatsApp	 Meow Chat	 flickr
 PopJam	 Instagram	 Telegram	 Meet Me	 YouTube
 GRAM SOCIAL	 Twitter		 Tinder	 Spotify
	 Skype			
	 iTunes			
	 Pinterest			
	 MyLOL			
	 Wink			
	 Snapchat			
	 TikTok			
	 reddit			
	 askfm			
		17+		



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Thank you for attending our Meet the Teacher Evening!

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