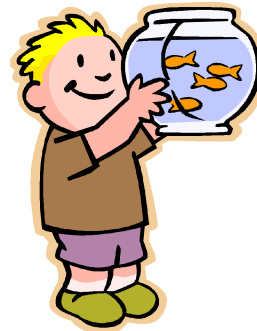


Grade P/1/2 Term 1 2009

This term, Grade Prep/1/2 children will put on their wetsuits and snorkels and explore the wonders of the sea, as we commence our topic of '**AT THE SEA**'. We will be transforming our classroom into a haven for sea creatures great and small.

Throughout the term, we will be learning interesting facts and researching information about THE SEA, such as:

- Physical environment
- Under the Sea
- At the Sea
- Sea creatures
- People working at sea
- Sea vessels



The AT THE SEA unit will incorporate *Personal Learning*, where students are encouraged to listen, ask questions and clarify understandings.

The domain of *Civics and Citizenship* will be incorporated, as the students are immersed in a 'Sea environment', using a sensory approach that promotes a sense of awe and wonder. The value of the sea within our world and marine conservation will be highlighted. Students will develop an understanding that the ocean gives us life. It provides the majority of our oxygen, rain, food, excitement, wonder, and mystery. The ocean buffers the weather and helps regulate global temperature, manages vast amounts of our pollutants, contains all kinds of amazing creatures and supports all life on our planet.

In *English*, students will read, research, write factual reports, and use observations to make generalisations and present information to their peers.

In *The Arts* domain, the students will use a range of materials, to create 2D and 3D Sea creatures, which will be will feel right at home, in the P/1/2 Sea. Students will independently and collaboratively apply a range of skills to plan, develop and make Sea related crafts, using a variety of materials.

Within the *Science* domain, the students will identify the features of the SEA environment, identifying plants and animals that survive in this environment and the way in which humans work in these surroundings. Students will also have the opportunity to handle and observe various sea creatures. They will also participate in the excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium, which will include a guided tour, which will further consolidate the classroom learning.

In our *Mathematics* program, students will be focusing on: Number, Measurement and Space. So far, the students in have enjoyed participating in activities exploring numbers, number patterns, number order and solving problems.