



L'Archipel

Grandir Ensemble dans la Diversité

# NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 1 2018

## What Has Happened?

### Welcome back to school

Welcome back to 2018! We hope you all enjoyed a very Merry Christmas and a fabulous summer holiday break and that everyone is well rested and ready for a fresh start in the new year.

A special welcome to our two new entrants and their families. We wish you a fantastic journey through RRS and an enriching and memorable educational experience in L'Archipel.

Our team of teachers is back for another exciting year, in the new L'Archipel's space: Florence and Beatrice for the bilingual group, *l'Envol*, and Vesna in the full immersion French group, *le Nid*. Adding even more of the Corsican charm is our amazing language assistant Paola.

## Events To Look Forward To

**Week 3** - Thursday 15th February : Family Picnic - 5pm to 7pm on the field.

**Week 5** - Thursday 1st March : Treasure Hunt of Learning - 9:00 am to 11:00 am. All welcome.

### Week 8

- Tuesday 20th March: Parent Conference - 1pm to 7pm

- Wednesday 21st March: Parent Conference - 1pm to 5pm

### Week 9

- Monday 26th March: Teacher Only Day - School is closed

- Friday 30th March: Easter - Good Friday - Public Holiday

### Week 10

- Monday 2nd April: Easter Monday - Public Holiday

- Tuesday 3rd April: Easter Tuesday - School Holiday

**Week 11** - **End of Term 4** - Friday 13th April

## What Is Happening?

### Inquiry this term - The Brain

This term, we will be developing our student led inquiry around the brain.

Through asking questions and discussions, we will develop our understanding about:

- Why do I need to know about my brain?
- The main parts of the brain and the central nervous system.
- Eyes, ears and nose: how do they work?
- Memory. What is it?
- How do I take care of my brain?

Teaching how the brain changes during learning can have a positive effect on children's perceptions of their own abilities.

This is particularly true if associated with cognitive and metacognitive strategies to help them learn how to learn: they are then often more motivated to take responsibility for their own learning.

Students will learn about the *magic decade* or the first 10 years of their life. These are critical for the faster growth of the brain and will understand how they could boost its power.

We are hopeful that through our student's understanding of the brain, they can start believing that they can get smarter through study and practice, and that this will enhance their commitment to persist in the hard work that learning sometimes requires.

We will keep you informed about our student led Inquiry 'Wonderwall' which will have on display the questions we have about The Brain.



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