



Year 5 ~ Term 3 2019



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to another term of Year 5! We hope everyone had a relaxing break after a very busy Term 2. It is great to see that children have settled back into their school routines with ease. This letter is a brief outline of what your child will be learning this term. Please continue to support your child's learning at home by reading with them every night. With the weather continuing to be cool in the mornings, please make sure that all of your child's belongings (beanies, gloves, jackets etc) are very clearly labelled as the children remove extra items of clothing as the day heats up or when they are inside.

Our specialist classes (Art, PE and Spanish) are scheduled for Thursday 9am to 11.25am

Mathematics

This term students will be exploring a variety of concepts both within the numeracy program and the inquiry program. They will be investigating:

- Volume and cubic measurements
- Factors and multiples
- Multiplication and division strategies
- Compass directions
- Graphs including column and pie graphs appropriate for data collected
- How to create simple financial plans.

English

The children will continue to be involved in a wide variety of specific activities to develop skills in reading, writing, viewing and oral language. Children will:

- Take part in guided reading lessons focused on their personal reading goals
- Participate in shared reading activities based on inquiry topics
- Write a variety of poetry and explanations in response to inquiry studies
- Develop public speaking skills through performing at assemblies.



Integrated Inquiry Unit

'Bushfires and Floods'

This term we have begun looking at:

- Bushfires and floods
- How people can respond to a natural disaster
- Adaptations that humans, plants and animals have made to survive in their environment.

Through this inquiry we will complete the following tasks to present to our guests at our exhibition held on Thursday, week 10:

- Poetry
- An explanation
- A bushfire survival pack
- An illustrated picture book
- A book-in-a-box response to a novel

Physical Education & Health

Students will be involved in regular P.E. sessions throughout the week that will focus on the two-handed side arm strike, throwing and catching. Students will also continue to attend a lesson on Thursday with Bethany Taylor as a part of their specialist rotations.

During health lessons, students will be looking at changes and transitions and the ways in which they can develop their own and others' health and wellbeing.

Spanish Language

With Ms Charles on Thursdays we will:

- Investigate Spanish speaking countries
- Identify the significance of the Uruguay National Day.

Reports and Portfolios

We hope that you enjoyed the exhibition of your child's learning last term.

Student reports help to provide an overview of student learning based on the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards. Portfolios are a unique tool that provides you with a snapshot of day to day achievements. These are a year long record and we would appreciate the return of the portfolios as soon as possible so we can continue adding samples of learning tasks.

W@M

Our W@M lessons this term will focus on:

- Ways to display kindness to others and problem solving during a game.
- Playing cooperative games and understanding how to be a 'good sport'
- An agreement on the rules of games at break times will also be made and displayed in appropriate areas of the playground.

W@M points will continue to be tallied and certificates and badges will be presented to those who have reached milestones.

The Arts

Year 5 will participate in drama, dance or music lessons with Mr Fabbo on Thursdays. Visual Arts will be taught by classroom teachers on Tuesday afternoons and will have a particular focus on bushfires and floods.

Library

Year 5 students will participate in an hour long library lesson with Ms John and their classroom teachers. Accessing print will continue to be the main focus and there will be time for students to return and borrow from the school's collection.

House Keeping

- Please remember to have your child sign in at the front office if they are late to school.
- Please try to wear school uniform as much as possible.
- Assist us by reinforcing positive problem solving for social situations.
- As of 1st August sunsmart hats are required to be worn outside. Children without a sunsmart hat play under the COLA.

Dates to Remember

2nd August—Senior assembly (year 5 are presenting a song)

9th August—Whole School assembly (Year 5 are presenting a song and performance)