



## Year 6 ~ Term 3 2019



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 3! 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 encouraging them to read a variety of books, newspapers and magazines. With frosty mornings, it is important for students to dress appropriately. In addition it's 'Hats On' in August. 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 (Arts, PE, Spanish and Library) are scheduled for Monday, midday to 3pm***

### Mathematics

This term students will continue to develop their understanding, fluency, problem solving and reasoning skills. They will be investigating:

- mental and written strategies to solve problems involving all four operations with whole numbers
- locating fractions on a number line
- how to solve problems involving addition and subtraction of fractions with the same or related denominators
- creating sequences involving whole numbers, fractions and decimals
- how to construct prisms and pyramids.

### English

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

- review and expand their knowledge of procedural and report texts
- develop proofreading and editing skills
- experiment with vocabulary to add interest and detail when writing
- explore prefixes, suffixes, word origins and spelling rules
- further develop comprehension strategies.

### Integrated Unit

#### **Asian Shadow Puppets (Art and History)**

Students will learn about:

- shadow puppet theatre, its cultural importance, production and performance elements,
- how the puppets are made and operated
- the different types of Asian shadow puppets
- creating and performing skills using their own puppet.

### 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 Monday with Bethany Taylor as a part of our specialist rotations.

### Library

Year 6 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 library's collection.

### Spanish Language and Culture

In Spanish this term, we will be learning and researching about the many countries around the world where Spanish is spoken. Students will be participating in the National Day of Uruguay with the Uruguayan Embassy on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. Year 6 will also be involved in an exciting new project with the Embassy of the Republic of Cuba that will be launched on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September.

### W@M

Our W@M lessons this term will continue to focus on resilience and respectful conflict resolution. Sessions will include circle time and group activities.

### Reports and Portfolios

Student reports help to provide an overview of how they are working based on the Australian Curriculum's Achievement Standards. Their portfolios are a unique tool that provides you with a snapshot of your child's day to day achievements. We would appreciate the return of the portfolios as soon as possible so we can continue adding to

### Integrated Unit

#### **Apollo 11 (Science and English)**

This term we will be exploring how;

- scientific knowledge helps us to solve problems and inform decisions
- to identify historical and cultural contributions.

As this is the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing, we will be exploring how space travel became a reality. Students will explore Australia's role in the mission and what space exploration may look like in the future.

### Arts

Students will be developing visual art pieces for the annual Art Show. They will brainstorm around the theme 'Each of our World' and the art materials that complement this theme. They will create artworks which manipulate these materials to express an idea. Students will also be learning ukulele and singing skills.

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