Term 4 Overview 2016
Year 6

Dear Families

Welcome to another busy and exciting term.

In this letter we will briefly explain some of the engaging programs that will be happening this term as well as inform you of a few changes and housekeeping matters to support you and your child’s return to school for a new term.

English
This term our reading focus will be based on the “Readers Workshop” programme. Readers Workshop allows students to analyse their chosen text while discussing the author’s deliberate decisions in composing the book, and has a strong link to comprehension strategies. This term, students will be exploring writing to persuade and different styles of poetry. Students will have the opportunity to look at the different structural and language features of writing. They will work on how to make their work include more persuasive and descriptive language. We will also have a big focus on the ways in which they can edit their writing and apply teacher/peer feedback constructively.

Mathematics
This term in mathematics we will have a focus on the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. Students will apply knowledge from last term’s work on fractions, decimals and percentages. They will take their knowledge one step further in applying the methods of converting all three. E.G. Converting a fraction to a decimal. They will also investigate the use of fractions, decimals and percentages when explaining probability. Students will investigate, with and without digital technologies, angles on a straight line, angles at a point and vertically opposite angles. Students will construct simple prisms and pyramids through our focus on shapes. Finally, we will conclude the term with revisiting and consolidating the students skills in the four operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will use MYMC data to inform the students of their next steps.

Social Skills and Health
This term we will continue to focus on our Social and Emotional Learning program on Growth Mindset. In Health students will continue learning about puberty, focusing more on the changes that happen to their brains during this time and how healthy lifestyle choices can assist in managing these changes. In addition this term, the school will also continue to focus on mindfulness activities. Research shows that daily mindfulness supports students to develop self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision making.

Physical Education
Classroom teachers will be working collaboratively with our specialist PE teacher to further develop fundamental motor skills of kicking, throwing, running, dodging, catching and leaping activities. We will focus our lessons around these skills and the implementation of them in summer sports including, Cricket, Badminton, Soft Ball, and Volleyball.
**Science**
This term we will have a science focus on the primary connections programme “Earthquake Explorers”. Students will develop an understanding of the causes of earthquakes and how they change the Earth’s surface. Through investigations, students explore earthquake magnitude data from Australia and neighbouring countries, drawing conclusions about patterns in the data.

**History**
Our history lessons will be built around Australia’s Federation. We will explore the events leading up to federation and the effects of it on our nation.

**Technology**
This term students will explore the purpose of health messages and advertising in society through our “Fresh Taste” programme. The students will design, collaborate and create their own Google site to advertise and promote a food product.

**Visual Arts and Performing Arts**
Ms Christine Trull will be continuing on with making paper and paper sculptures as the specialist art focus. In class, we will be supporting the learning of the arts with a dance focus, using the Every Chance to Dance program and investigating art through links to maths looking at and creating different shapes and tessellations.

**Housekeeping**
**Visual and Performing Arts, PE and Spanish**
Our specialist visual and performing arts, PE and Spanish lessons will continue to be on Thursdays and will be in the morning session. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing for PE and dance.

**Library**
The term our Library session will be in the middle session on Thursdays. At this time students will be able to borrow and return books as well as investigate and build their skills in the use of our school library.

**Graduation and Fun Day**
The Year 6 Graduation and Fun day will be held at the end of this term, the information for both is:

**Graduation Dinner and Disco**
When: Thursday 15th of December 2016
Where: Raiders Belconnen Club Kippax, 155 Hardwick Crescent, Holt ACT 2615
Time: Arrivals From: 5:30pm, Dinner: 6:00pm, Disco: Start 6:45pm, Finish 8:00pm, Pick Up: 8:00pm

**Graduation Ceremony**
When: Thursday 15th of December 2016
Where: Macgregor Primary School Hall
Time: Arrival: 9:00am, Ceremony: 9:15am till approx 11:00am

**Fun Day**
When: Thursday 15th of December 2016
Where: John Knight Park, Townsend Place, Off Aikman Drive, Canberra, ACT, 2616.
Sky Zone, Westfield Belconnen, Lathlain Street, Belconnen, Canberra, 2617.
Time: Arrival: 11:30am, Depart: 2:15pm

Finally, if you would like to meet with us to further discuss your child’s learning, please don’t hesitate to make an appointment. We can be contacted via the front office or email:

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Kind Regards
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