

Term 4 Overview 2017
Year 5

19 October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this letter we will briefly explain some of the engaging programs that will be happening this term. As always, some housekeeping matters are included to support you and your child's return to school for the final term of the year.

English

Our balanced literacy program, as determined by the content descriptors from the Australian Curriculum, develops students' knowledge, understanding and skills in listening, reading, viewing, speaking, writing and creating.

We will continue to explore a variety of texts and language features, including complex sentences, unfamiliar technical vocabulary, figurative language, and information presented online. This term we will focus on summarising and inferring comprehension strategies. Students will have the opportunity to choose their own books for Read to Self, explore various non-fiction texts and share class novels.

We will continue to use writing frameworks to help plan and structure our writing with an emphasis on brainstorming ideas and planning before beginning the drafting process. Explicit instruction will focus on figurative language and poetry. In addition, students will be taught writing skills to practise and then apply in different situations. These explicit lessons will encompass grammar, spelling, sentence construction and editing skills.

Mathematics

Number and Algebra

For the remainder of the semester, we will continue to consolidate multiplication and division facts. These lessons will introduce the students to a range of mathematical strategies to help solve problems. Hands on materials will also be used to help demonstrate a range of mathematical concepts.

Measurement and Geometry

This unit will be focusing on measuring angles and converting between twelve and twenty four hour time. This learning will extend into real life applications, including reading and using timetables.

Statistics and Probability

Students will be exploring chance and data. During lessons, students will be given the opportunity to collect data and represent it in a range of graphs.

PE and Health

Students will focus on employing a range of fundamental motor skills in a variety of modified games and sports. The focus skills include throwing and catching, forehand strike and kicking. Students will also demonstrate ethical behaviour and fair play that aligns with rules when participating in a range of physical activities.

In health, students will be learning about making health-enhancing decisions and interpreting messages from different sources to take action for their own wellbeing.

Science

This term we will have a science focus on the States of Matter. Students will observe how solids, liquid and gases have observable properties and how they behave in different ways.

Sustainability

During band sessions, students who remain in class will be undertaking sustainability projects and investigating ways that we can be more sustainable as a school. This will also include managing and maintaining the school vegetable gardens, used by the whole school during our Fresh Tastes programs.

Housekeeping

Fruit break

Each day at approximately 10:00am students will have fruit break. This is an opportunity for the students to give their brains a boost to help them concentrate through until the lunch break. Students are encouraged to bring fresh fruit or vegetables to eat at this break. We have already seen lots of students remembering to bring their fresh fruit, and there has been a great variety of fruit and vegetables coming in. Other food, such as yoghurt or cheese and biscuits need to be eaten at either recess or lunch.

Specialists

This term the year 5 specialist program will be on Thursday. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and equipment to undertake these lessons.

Camp

Camp for the year 5 students is Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Students will be focusing on clear links to the history curriculum and participating in activities such as gold panning and learning about life on the goldfields.

Staff Absences

A big congratulations to James Orr on the arrival of his new baby boy! James has been on paternity leave for the first two weeks of this term.

Millie Butt will be travelling to Adelaide week 9 to fulfil her role of manager of the Under 16 Girls Schools Sports Hockey Team.

The year 5 team will be keeping our schedule as normal as possible during these absences.

If you would like to meet with us to further discuss your child's learning, please don't hesitate to make an appointment. Alternatively we can be contacted via email using the addresses below.

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Thank you. We look forward to a successful term of learning.

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