

Term 4 Overview 2017

Year 6

19 October 2017

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 always, some housekeeping matters are included to support you and your child's return to school for the final term of the year.

English

This term our reading focus will be on inferring and how to use evidence from the text to support answers to comprehension questions.

During writing sessions, students will explore writing to entertain. The students will be publishing a picture book for our Kindy Buddies, with a focus on using the skills learned during writing sessions. They will have the opportunity to write a short story which will be part of a whole class novel.

Mathematics

This term in mathematics we will examine the relationships between fractions, decimals and percentages. They will take their knowledge one step further by applying the methods of converting all three, for example, converting a fraction to a decimal. Students will also investigate the use of fractions, decimals and percentages when explaining probability. They will investigate, with and without digital technologies, angles on a straight line, angles at a point and vertically opposite angles. Finally, we will conclude the term with revisiting and consolidating the skills learned in the four operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will use Middle Years Mental Computation data to inform the students of their next steps.

Social Skills and Health

This term we will continue with our social and emotional learning program with the emphasis being 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.

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 titled "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

In history we will inquire into 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 Tastes" 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 the work students have already started for our upcoming Art Show.

Housekeeping

Visual and Performing Arts, PE and Spanish

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

Library

This term our Library session will be in the last 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: Wednesday 13 of December 2017

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: Wednesday 13 of December 2017

Where: Macgregor Primary School Hall

Time: Arrival: 9:00am, Ceremony: 9:15am till approx 11:00am

Fun Day

When: Wednesday 13 of December 2017

Where: Zone 3 (Laser Tag), Belconnen

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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