

**Principal: Jennifer Hall**

## **Term 2 Overview 2017 Year 6**

Dear Families,

4 May 2017

Welcome back, we hope you had a safe and happy holiday break.

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 continue to be based on the "Reader's Workshop" programme. Reader's 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. Students will be exploring writing to inform and preparing speeches for rostrum. Students will have the opportunity to look at the different structural and language features of writing. They will continue work on how to make their writing include more descriptive language and how to effectively engage an audience. 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 effective strategies when solving four operation problems. Students will use 'Middle Years Mental Computation' testing in multiplication and division, to identify their next steps. The unit will also look at the inverse relationship between Multiplication/Division. We will be examining various forms of data and interpreting this information to form analysis. The students will be applying these skills to the current unit in science, by collecting, graphing and interpreting experiment data. In addition, students will explore and create timelines in relation to our history unit on Australia's Federation.

### **Social Skills and Health**

This term we will continue to focus on our social and emotional learning program and the Mind Up curriculum. In addition, we will focus on personal development where we will explore; personal hygiene, managing stress and anxiety, the importance of eating a well-balanced diet, exercise and sleep. We will review how to be responsible online citizens through our use of Chromebooks.

### **Physical Education**

This term, students will be participating in fitness circuits three times a week. 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.

## **Science**

This term we will have a science focus on the Primary Connections programme “Micro-Organisms”. In this unit students will develop and understand the role of micro-organisms in food and medicine. They will investigate the conditions micro-organisms need to grow and the process and research behind the development of penicillin.

## **Technology**

This year we will be continuing to utilise Chrome Books and Google Apps for Education (GAFE) as a key component in our approach to developing collaborative skills and integrating technology. In addition, this term students will engage in the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) learning program. We will continue to buddy up with year 2 students to initially develop basic digital literacy skills. Once these skills have been firmly established, other digital based STEAM concepts can be explored such as coding, web design, graphic design and 3D modeling.

## **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.

## **Visual Arts and Performing Arts**

This term in art we will focus on portraits, making connections to our history unit.

## **Housekeeping**

### Visual and Performing Arts, PE and Spanish

Our specialist visual and performing arts, PE and Spanish lessons will continue to be on Tuesdays 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 afternoon 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.

### W@M – Wellbeing at Macgregor

We will continue to work with our new school expectations Wellbeing at Macgregor – also known as W@M. Look out in the school newsletter for more information as our implementation rollout continues.

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Kind Regards

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