



Year 5 – Term 3 2021



Dear Parents and Carers, welcome to Term 3. We hope everyone had as relaxing a break as possible after the travails of the last few months. It has been a smooth return to school in the Year 5 classes and we are very impressed with the way all students have returned to their routines. This document provides an outline of our curriculum for this term. The Winter weather will continue to be cold, especially in the early mornings. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing, footwear, a SunSmart hat for the resumption of hat wearing on 2nd August (the start of Week 4), and enough healthy fresh food and a water bottle for a whole day of learning. Please label your child's possessions (hats, jumpers, stationery, lunch box, drink bottle etc.) to help us return lost items as quickly as possible.

Our specialist classes (PE, Spanish, Sustainability and Library) are scheduled for (Thursday 12 midday to 3pm)

Mathematics

This term students will begin each lesson with mental computation strategies or an open ended problem before exploring specific mathematical concepts such as:

- Factors and multiples
- Fractions and decimals
- 2D and 3D shapes
- Length, area, volume, capacity and mass
- Representing and interpreting data
- Problem solving.

Integrated Inquiry Unit

As we follow the Olympic Games in Tokyo, Year 5 will be engaging with a multidisciplinary Inquiry unit focused on the theme of the Olympics. We will be investigating nation building including: flags and national symbols, systems of government, national geography, Olympic games history and national history. Their investigations will be culminating in students designing and participating in their own Olympic Games at Macgregor.

Spanish

In Spanish this term students will be creating a presentation about Uruguay and researching and incorporating cultural information. Students will be learning and revising basic Spanish vocabulary through the Rockalingua website that can be accessed from home, as well as through Kahoot and Duolingo. As part of the school's Uruguayan Embassy connection and for the National Day of Uruguay, Year 5 will be participating in the Spanish Readathon where they will listen to stories read in Spanish.

Music

All students in Year 5 will be developing their rhythm and harmony either through participation in Singing with Catherine Finlayson fortnightly, or participation in band.

The Arts

We will be exploring the elements of visual arts in-class.

In combined year 5 drama lessons that coincide with band rehearsals we will be focusing on developing the elements of performance.

Physical Education

Year 5 will begin preparing for the Athletics Carnival by participating in various track and field activities where they will learn correct form and technique for some events. They will practise the fundamental movement skills of hitting and striking through participation in modified sports including baseball and cricket.

Sustainability

During our Sustainability sessions, each week Year 5 will be looking at how they can make their homes as sustainable as possible with temperature, draft proofing, reducing water and electricity usage. The focus will extend to exploring the importance of reusing, repurposing, recycling household items and how to use less water and energy. This will reinforce that everybody can play a role to produce positive effects on our world and our homes today and into the future.

English

In anticipation for our Writers' Festival in week 10, students in Year 5 will each be designing, publishing and sharing a picture book of their own.

We will be holding a book launch and a presentation of awards during the Writers' Festival. Covid restrictions permitting, this will be an occasion for parents and community members to attend and celebrate our student's achievements.

We will be continuing writing across a range of text types and topics for different purposes and audiences.

Library

Year 5 have library on Thursdays and change their books on Mondays. We will focus on becoming more Cyber Savvy where they will explore how to use the internet safely. Students will continue to read the CBCA Shortlist as a lead up to prejudging the winners at the end of August. Following the Scholastic Book fair later in the term students will find out how to write great books from real authors during our inaugural Writers' Festival. Dates to be announced in the newsletter soon.

W@M

Our W@M lessons this term will focus on two key areas: cyber safety and making healthy lifestyle choices. In our cyber safety lessons we will focus on safe and unsafe online behaviours as well as identifying strategies and

Dates to Remember

Athletics Carnival—July 30
 Book Week Assembly—August 13
 Tournament of Minds Regionals—Aug 28-29
 Chess ACT Open Championship—TBA, likely on a day the week of September 6-10

