

# W41 – TERM FOUR NEWSLETTER

Wow! We have hit Term 4 already! Where has the time gone?

Term 3 was a hectic one in W41, and there's no doubt that this term will be just as busy!

## **Mathematics:**

At the end of last term, students received their PATM (Progressive Achievement Test, Mathematics) data. We focused on analysing their own data and how they could use that to identify their focus areas for term 4. As a result, W41 and W42 will join and students from both classes will create an individualised mathematic program targeting specific areas identified by the students. This in turn will move each student's learning forward. In these lessons, students will be able to attend learning experiences appropriate to their learning.

## **English:**

Our English unit will cover the essential skills including reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing.

This term as well as continuing Literacy Groups we will be discussing small texts as a class and using the Jigsaw method to decode and dive deeper into texts.

We will continue our spelling program through 'Words Their Way'.

In our writing, we will be exploring Informative texts, procedural texts and poetry. Our informative text will link into our STEM unit, and our procedural text will tie into HASS.

## **Science:**

This term, W41 will be focusing on biological sciences, in particular how different animals and plants learn to adapt to their environment.

## **HASS:**

HASS this term will be focusing on Business and Economics. W41 will be divided into groups and they will be given the challenge of creating their own food product inspired by Sam's Popcorn. We will be taking a small excursion to Woolworths in Week 5 to purchase our food products before spending the day cooking them!

## **STEM:**

STEM this term will be done with W42, W31 and W32. All four classes will be diving into the world of prosthetics and how they work. We plan to have the students designing and building their own prosthetic limbs. We will also be visiting MOD in Week 7 as well as having a visit from an SAPOL officer who lost his leg.

## **NIT: JAPANESE, ARTS, PE/HEALTH**

PE/Health is taught by PE NIT teachers Des and Michael. The Arts curriculum involves drama, dance, music and art. This term Art will be taught by NIT teacher Kathryn. Japanese is taught by NIT teacher Rebecca.

## **HOMEWORK**

Please be aware that homework is given out on Monday's. The students can access their homework via the blog, but there are also hardcopies provided for those students who cannot access the internet at home. Homework is due on Friday. The homework is based around our Literacy Groups, so each group's homework will be linked to that.

I look forward to having a successful term with W41.

## **IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4**

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> October – Sam's Popcorn Visit  
Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October – Pupil Free Day  
Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October- Year 6 Aquatics  
Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> October – SAPOL Police Officer Visit  
Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> October – Japanese Cultural Day  
Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November – W41 Gathering/PGHS Dream It Dance  
Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November – MOD Excursion  
Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December – Latitude Excursion and End of Term

Kind Regards,

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