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Welcome to a very busy and productive term three. With Vira on long service leave this term, Emily will be in the classroom on Monday and Tuesday and Darren will be in there from Wednesday to Friday.

The following is an overview for this term. It should be noted that it is flexible, as individual student needs may require modifications to best suit their learning intentions.

English

Our class writing focus will be on information reports and responses. We will be writing information reports with information collected in Science and HASS. Later this term, we will be developing a review of a film. We will be focussing on the structure and textural features of the text types, along with the grammar and punctuation skills needed. As part of the whole school reading agreement, we will continue to work through the skills of being effective readers during our guided reading sessions. Another focus this term will involve note taking and summarising information in our own words from a range of textual and visual sources. We will continue to use the skills of good listeners to listen to others and give constructive feedback that is respectful and purposeful. Speaking strategies which include questioning, clarifying and rephrasing will also form part of our group and partner activities.

Mathematics

Our Mathematics lessons will continue to have two main components; regular mathematics games to build skill, speed and accuracy of basic number facts, as well as a topic related activity which focuses on a concept or problem that requires investigation. This includes exploring the association between fractions, decimals and percentages, learning how to represent data and interpreting a range of data displays. We will be using digital methods to organise and display data from our own surveys conducted. Later this term we will also begin our geometry learning. This will involve investigating a range of two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes and developing our locating and transforming skills. In addition, students in TR9 will have the opportunity to use the full online Mathletics program at home where the focus will be on achieving mastery in key mathematical areas. This will be part of the Homework Program to supplement classroom learning designed and provided by the teacher. Usernames and passwords to access this program have already been given to the students.



Important Dates

Term 3 Begins
Monday 20th July

Footsteps Dance Program
Weeks 1-10 every Wednesday

Pupil Free Day
Friday 14th August

Science Week
15th - 23rd August

School Closure Day
Friday 4th of September

Swimming (Yr 5 only)
Week 7/8

Sports Day
Friday 18th September

Term 3 Ends
Friday 25th September

(2:00pm dismissal and casual
day with gold coin donation)

Other Learning Areas

HASS subject areas of focus will be History and Civics and Citizenship. More specifically, students will explore the topic of Australian Colonisation and the key figures, events and ideas that led to Australia's Federation and the Constitution, as well as the contributions of individuals and migrant groups to the development of society in Australia as we know it today.

In Science we will be studying chemical sciences. Students will be observing the properties of solids liquids and gases and the behavioral differences. We will be investigating the reversibility and irreversibility to materials and conducting a range of practical experiments. Students will design their own tests to demonstrate a concept from this topic as their major assessment.

Digital and Design Technology lessons will involve designing and constructing a model to demonstrate Indigenous methods of boiling, transporting and storing water. They will be comparing the design, tools and materials used today and consider how Indigenous methods have influenced current methods of cooking and water storage.

In Visual Arts students will be continuing to develop and apply different techniques and processes using a variety of media including indigenous art styles.

Students will also continue to explore the Child Protection and SHINE Curriculum to support safe behaviours and learn about personal development topics. More information will be provided to families during this term.

Specialist Teachers

We continue to have a specialist lesson every day.

Monday - 9:25am Japanese

Tuesday – 9:25am The Arts

Wednesday – 9:25am Japanese

Thursday – 9:25am Health and PE

Friday – 1:30pm Health and PE

We hope to have a positive and rewarding term and are looking forward to working together in partnership with you again.

Kind regards,

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