

Year 7 Newsletter

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Mawson Lakes School

Term 3 Overview W31 + W32

Week 2 - Term 3

Dear Families,

The beginning of term 3 marks the half way point of 2019. Where has the first 6 months gone? We hope everyone has had a great two week break ready for a successful second semester.

Below is an outline of the learning that will take place in term 3.

Mathematics:

In Mathematics this term students will focus on measurement and geometry. This involves investigating units of measurement, shape, location and transformation and geometric reasoning.

Students will calculate volumes of rectangular prisms and discover formulas for areas of rectangles, triangle and parallelograms. In shape, students will explore different views of prisms and solids formed from combinations of prisms. Students will describe translations, reflection in an axis and rotations of multiples of 90° on the Cartesian plane using coordinates. In geometric reasoning, students will classify triangles according to their side and angle properties and describe quadrilaterals.

Students will solve everyday situations and reflect on their work and the work of others.

A program that is differentiated, aiming to tailor learning appropriate to your child is provided. It includes a variety of learning points and a range of learning experiences. Students will also analyse their own data to move their own learning forward.

English:

This term, students will learn about historical recounts with a focus on the Vietnam War, in particular the Battle of Long Tan. From their learning, research, discussions with veterans and engagement in the Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony, students will construct a historical recount in the format of their choosing to represent the events that took place. Students will analyse the structure of historical recounts.

In the second half of the term, students will explore the

text type explanations. This will incorporate learnings from science, where students are learning about phenomena in space.

In Guided Reading, students will explore a variety of reading strategies and practice employing these strategies when participating in a book club.

Guided reading also incorporates whole class engagement on a picture book, where they experience deconstructing a complex picture book that conveys a strong moral.

Humanities & Social Sciences:

The HASS focus for term 3 is history. We will develop students' understanding of what we know about the ancient past, the defining characteristics of ancient societies and what have been the legacies of ancient societies. Students will be explicitly taught, along with investigating one Mediterranean civilisation in depth (Egypt, Greece or Rome).

Science:

This term students will explore Earth and Space Sciences, such as predictable phenomena on Earth. This learning involves seasons, eclipses and the relative positions of the sun, the Earth and the Moon. To support this unit of work, students will be attending the Mawson Lakes Planetarium, to learn more about predictable phenomena of the earth like phases of the moon, solar and lunar eclipses, summer and winter solstice, seasons and rotation of the Earth and moon.

Health + Child Protection Curriculum:

Term 3's health program will include the topic of relationships and sexual health. Participation in the lessons aims to improve your child's ability to develop respectful relationships, be confident and happy within themselves and their bodies, and make well-informed and safe decision regarding their body and their relationships.

We will be delivering a comprehensive curriculum to students in Year 7 as part of their health program. Topics include communication, relationships, puberty, female and male reproductive systems,

gender/power/stereotypes, harassment, diversity, technology, safe behaviours, decision making and place to go for help and support. A consent form will follow.

Digital Technologies:

To begin with students will learn about the binary system used in digital technologies, compared to the decimal system. They will understand the basics behind coding and develop a logical flow chart with simple algorithms.

To consolidate students understanding of concepts in other subject areas, student will build on their knowledge of filming, use the green room and edit with iMovie.

NIT: Japanese, Arts, PE/Health

Japanese is provided by NIT teacher Erin Millar and Huong Phi. The arts curriculum includes dance, drama, media arts, music and visual arts. Majority of art is delivered by NIT teacher, Bridget. PE and Health is taught by PE NIT teachers Michael and Des.

Homework / Communication:

Homework will continue to be given on a weekly basis. It will routinely cover aspects of the curriculum and specific areas of focus. In W31, this will be communicated via an online program called Edmodo, while on a class website for W32 (www.mawsonlakesschoolw32.weebly.com). Students have also received Department personal school email.

Please make contact by dropping by or emailing to discuss your child's needs at any time. We look forward to what will be another successful and enjoyable term.

Yours kindly,

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Year 7 Aquatics - West Lakes Wednesday 25th September

As a part of the PE and Health curriculum, students will be involved in an Aquatics Program at West Lakes Aquatics Centre. The day might include sailing, canoeing, kayaking, windsurfing, snorkeling and general water safety. Student will return late to school on this day (approx. 4.45pm depending on traffic). There is a cost of around \$20 per student. More information to follow.

Year 7 Vietnam Veterans Day - Sunday 18th August



11am Sunday, 18th August, 2019
 Henderson Square,
Montague Farm Estate

The Montague Farm Estate has been dedicated to all Australians who served, suffered and died in the Vietnam War.

Of the 501 Australian Service men killed in the war, 59 of them were from South Australia and the majority of them have been recognised in the naming of streets and reserves in the Montague Farm Estate.

A special ceremony will be held at the Estate in commemoration of Long Tan Day.

Mawson Lakes School has attended and been involved in the Ceremony for many years, and we hope you will join us to continue to honour those who served in the Vietnam War.

Following the ceremony, there will be a BBQ and a chance to mingle with the Veterans.

We hope to see you there.

Kind regards,
 Whitney and Ali