

Year 7 Newsletter

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Mawson Lakes School

Term 4 Overview W32 + W31

Week 2 – Term 4

Dear Families,

I hope everyone had a restful holiday and are ready to take on the 9 busy weeks ahead. There is a lot in store. Below is an outline of the learning that will take place in term 4.

Mathematics:

In Mathematics this term, students will complete a unit on **data representations and interpretations**, which involves exploring mean, median and mode, plus displaying data, including the use of stem and leaf plots.

Following Market Day, students will analyze their individual market day data, and compare and summarise the 2020 cohort's data to previous years. Students will identify trends, profits, losses and any outliers.

Mid term students will explore **Chance**. This encompasses introducing, exploring types of and comparing likelihoods and probabilities.

Towards the end of the term, students will examine their own data from variety of math areas to generate their **own learning plan** with personalized focused areas to move their own learning forward.

English:

This term in English, students will understand the purpose and structure of a book and film review. Learners in W32 will respond to Paper Planes and compare how a book and movie are alike and different, and W31 will make a comparison on a book and movie exploring the theme of migration. This content will also integrate aspects of physical sciences. This unit will also focus on **speaking, listening and presenting**. Students review of Paper Planes, or another film/text will be presented, which comprises of student planning and delivering an oral presentation.

In Guided Reading, students will continue to explore a variety of reading strategies and practice employing these strategies when participating in morning routine activities. Students will explore **Shaun Tan** text such as Eric, The Red Tree, Tales from Outer Suburbia, Cicada and undergo an **author study** to critically evaluate an author's themes, characters and writing style.

Humanities & Social Sciences:

The HASS focus for term 4 is Economics and Business. Students will continue working towards their first company, by developing their **Kidpreneur Market Day** product. Students are designing, creating, promoting and selling a product with a \$40 budget. Market Day information will continue to be communicated to families via email.

Science:

This term students will explore **Physical Sciences**, such as change to an objects motion is caused by unbalanced forces, including Earths gravitational attraction. This learning involves Newton's first three laws of motion. To support this learning, students will make a documentary on what is gravity.

We look forward to what will be a final successful and enjoyable term.

Yours kindly,

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Digital and Design Technologies:

In Digital Technologies, students will explore **FlipaClip's** powerful and fun animation app to make frame-by-frame animations that will advertise and share their Kidpreneur Market Day product with the school.

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In Design Technologies, students will use the Engineering process in the STEM room to analyse how motion, force and energy (physical sciences) are manipulated. Students will endeavour to understand Newton's Third Law through a **balloon rocket** and **paper planes investigation**.

NIT: Japanese, Arts, PE/Health

Japanese is provided by NIT teacher Lauren Macklin. The arts curriculum includes dance, drama, media arts, music and visual arts is led by Simon Davies. 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.

Year 7 Graduation – Wednesday 9th Dec (Week 9)

Students will attend a Year 7 group lunch at the Mawson Lakes Hotel on Wednesday 9th December at 11.30am through to 1.00pm. Then to celebrate the conclusion of primary school and their time at Mawson Lakes, students will participate in a graduation ceremony held at the **Mawson Lakes School Denison Centre**. The graduation ceremony commences at **6.00pm to 7.00pm**, however we ask that students arrive around 5.30pm. Students are permitted to invite a **limited number of family members** due to COVID social distancing restrictions. Number to be confirmed soon. Between 7.00pm to 8.30pm a year 7 school disco will take place in the Mobara Room of the Denison Centre. The ceremony and Year 7 disco is a formal event, **neat dress code** is ideal.

To assist with the graduation ceremony, can your child please supply a 'then' (age 1-4 years) photo and a 'now' (this year) photo. It is important that the photos don't have anyone else in them. Could this please be provided before Friday Week 4 (6th November) preferably via USB or email.

An official graduation invitation will follow in coming weeks with additional information.

Week 2: Book Week. Theme 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds.'

Monday 19th October (Week 2): West Lakes Aquatics. Late return to school approx. 4:30-5.00pm.

Thursday 29th October (Week 3): Year 7 Kidpreneur Market Day. 11:15pm to 12:40pm Denison Centre.

Friday 30th October (Week 3): Pupil Free Day

Wednesday 4th November (Week 4): Outdoor classroom day

Friday 6th November (Week 4): Gathering 9am Denison Centre

Wednesday 11th November (Week 5): Remembrance Day

Friday 20th November (Week 6): Gathering 9am Denison Centre

Monday 7th November (Week 9): Elizabeth Movies excursion

Wednesday 9th November (Week 9): Year 7 Graduation, Denison Centre 6pm.

Thursday 10th November (Week 9): Gathering 9am Denison Centre

Friday 11th November (Week 9): Adelaide Aquatics Centre excursion