

Year 7 Newsletter

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Mawson Lakes School

Term 3 2020 Overview W31 + W32

Week 2

Dear Families,

The beginning of term 3 marks the half way point of 2020. 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 Term 3, students will explore patterns and algebra. Learners will use letters and symbols to communicate general rules found from patterns and to solve problems. After completing the patterns and algebra unit, students will be able to write and simplify algebraic expressions using pronumerals and use a flowchart to describe algebraic rules.

Following this, students will discover the world of measurement. This involves choosing appropriate units for measuring and convert between them, estimating common measurements using standard units, calculating the perimeter of different shapes, calculating the area of different shapes made up of rectangles and triangles and calculating the volume of prisms.

As in the first semester, students will either learn in Ali or Theo's/Whitney's class, so that the learning points are specific to student's current levels of understanding.

Students will also use Education Perfect as an additional tool to understanding new concepts and practicing their fluency.

English:

Our English program will cover essential skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking and viewing.

This term during weeks 1 through to week 5, students will learn about historical recounts with a focus on 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. On 18th August, a small group of students will attend

Vietnam Veterans Day to represent Mawson Lakes School and the learning that has taken place. Ali will oversee the in learning of this topic in W32, while Tarnya Adams will deliver the learning in W31.

Also in writing, students will learn about the text structure and organisation of the text type responses where students will present a personal opinion about a particular text, such as a book report, reading journal, review etc. This involves students planning, drafting and publishing their own response text. In exploring responses, students will continue to discover and apply the Seven Steps of Writing.

Guided reading takes place at the beginning of each day, and exposes students to a range of text types. Students will continue to enjoy whole class reading of a text, along with small group reading session where students work on individual learning goals.

Humanities & Social Sciences:

HASS comprises of four subject areas - History, Geography, Economics and Business and Civics and Citizenship.

In term 3 Civics and Citizenship will be the focus, with Year 7's concentrating on citizenship, diversity and religion, plus what is a democracy. Students will develop their knowledge of what is the constitution, the division of powers and the election processes. Year 7s will become familiar with the bicameral system.

Science:

This term students will focus on biological sciences. In this strand, students will learn how classification helps to organise the diverse group of organisms on the planet. They will understand how the interactions between organisms, including the effects of human activities, can be represented by food chains and food webs. To support this unit of work, students will hopefully attend the Adelaide Zoo, to learn about and classify the range of animals that live there.

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 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.

Year 7 students from W32 and W31 will participate in lessons, with content being divided into gender groups. Theo Papzis and Simon Davis (wellbeing teacher) will deliver lessons with the boys, while Ali Childs will oversee the girls. Lessons will take place Thursday afternoons, starting Week 1 through to Week 5.

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.

NIT: Japanese, Arts, PE/Health

Japanese is provided by NIT teacher Erin Millar and Lauren Macklin. The arts curriculum includes dance, drama, media arts, music and visual arts. Majority of art is delivered by NIT teachers, Abby Thompson and Simon Davis. PE and Health is taught by PE NIT providers Michael and Des.

Homework / Communication:

Homework will be given on a weekly basis. It will routinely cover aspects of the curriculum and specific areas of focus. This will be communicated via an online program called Edmodo for W31 and via a class website for W32.

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

See you soon.

Yours kindly,

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Events in Term 3

Footsteps - 2.20pm to 3.00pm each Wednesday

Adelaide Oval Guided Tour Excursion - Thursday 13th August

Pupil Free Day - Friday 14th August

Year 7 Vietnam Veterans Day - Tues 18th August
(small group of nominated students)

Sammy D Foundation Visit - Fri August 21st

Adelaide Zoo excursion - Thurs 27th August

School Closure - Friday 4th September

Sports Day - Friday 18th September Week 9
House captains are please expected at school by 8am to assist with hair spray fundraising stalls and to prepare for whole school health hustle. Thanks.

Events in Term 4

Year 7 West Lakes Aquatics - Monday 19th October

Year 7 Market Day - Thursday 5th November (Week 4)

Year 7 Graduation - Wednesday 9th December.