

Class Newsletter

**FOR W11
AND W13**



Term 2, 2021

Important Dates

Weeks 3&4 NAPLAN Testing Window (year 5s)

3rd June Colour Run (Fundraiser Event)

14th June Public Holiday

24th June Market Day

30th June Student Reports (sent home)

2nd July End of term- Early dismissal at 2pm, gold coin donation, casual day

School Times

8:15 Supervised Yard Play

8.40 School starts.
It is important that students are at school on time, if a student is late please sign in through the front office.

If absent for the day, please make contact with the office, so we know your children are home and safe with you.

10.55 – 11.15 Recess

12.40 Children are supervised eating their lunch

12.50– 1.30 Lunch play

3.00 School finishes / OSHC opens for booked in students

Welcome to term two! What a busy and positive start to the year, thank you for your support and kindness. As the teaching and learning cycle continues some planning may change depending on the needs of the students. Each term an overview will be posted on the school website for you to access. Our emails are also included as a quick and easy way to pass on information or ask questions.

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English

This term our whole school text type focus is Exposition as well as Review and Response writing.

Students will explore the structure and text features of exposition style writing, where they are writing for the purpose of convincing or persuading the reader about their view. One of the most challenging aspects is to have three explained reasons for their view. Specific skills in this genre are text connectives, modality (strength words) and a logical argument. Another aspect of this style is advertising and exploring how commercial advertising aims to convince a viewer.

Students will engage in whole class and small group reading. We will focus on the Big 6 of reading and comprehension skills including, predicting, questioning, visualising and thinking skills of a good reader. The reading program will also link to the learning of the genre text types.

Classroom teachers will update information on individual reading levels. Individual reading goals are being used to support your child's development.

Spelling is now in a fortnightly cycle using the Jolly Spelling Program and the associated Grammar program.

Mathematics

All year we will have a big focus on Number and Algebra. This term students will maintain focus on number. Learning will include work on fractions and decimals as well as continuing our number fact knowledge and fluency work.

We are also working through Measurement and Geometry with its sub-strands of; using units of measurement, shape, location and transformation and geometric reasoning.

Child Protection Curriculum

As mandated by the Department for Education, classroom teachers will implement the Child Protection Curriculum. This term we will revisit what the students know about Unit 2 Relationships which explores; rights and responsibilities, identity and relationships, power and relationships, trust and networks.

Science

Students will first focus on biological science which will have a main focus on scientific thinking and the core learning of life cycles, adaptations and the interdependence of species. We are then exploring Earth and Space with exploration and experimentation of how the Earth's surface changes over time and that Earth is part of a system that moves around the sun.

Humanities and Social Sciences

During **History**, the year 4s will explore stories of the First Fleet, including reasons for the journey, who travelled to Australia, and their experiences following arrival. The year 5s will explore the nature of convicts and colonies and the impact of a significant development or event on an Australian colony, during the 1800s. This is continuation of the work we started in term one.

Japanese, The Arts, Health and P.E

This year specialist subjects are The Arts, Japanese and Health and P.E. Please see specialist subjects newsletters for more information. Each week students will participate in two P.E lessons, two Japanese lessons and one Arts lesson.

	W11	W13
Monday	12:00 PE	9:25 PE
Tuesday	10:00 PE	1:30 Japanese
Wednesday	9:25 Japanese	10:10 PE
Thursday	2:15 Japanese	12.00 Japanese
Friday	2:15 Arts	11:15 Arts

Year 5s

This term the year 5s will be participating in NAPLAN, which will be run online this year during weeks 3 and 4. We will endeavor to support your children during this time, please

As always, if you have any concerns regarding the learning for the term, or any routines or rules, please make contact with your child's teacher. Email is fine for information, in an emergency please call the Office on 82601681.

Regards,

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