

Year 5 & 6: Term 1.2018 Newsletter

February 2018

Welcome

We especially welcome Luke Gill who has joined Year 5 this year.

We look forward to what promises to be an exciting and stimulating year of self discovery, challenges and adventure.

Literacy:

We aim to further the skills of clear, concise communication and thoughtful reading.

We see these as essential tools in students ability to develop, structure and express critical and creative thinking.

Reading:

During the term we will be doing novel studies. Foci being on comprehension, social

Whole group and small group reading clinics. Novel studies, Kids News

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/kids-news/news>

Writing

Our writing this term will focus on their spelling, punctuation & grammar.

Genre, narratives, information/reports and persuasive. Comprehension, main idea, fact & opinion, bias & prejudice, figurative language (metaphors & similes)

They will be continuing the Seven Steps Program, using Planning for Success, Sizzling Starts, Tightening Tensions, Show don't Tell, Dynamic Dialogue, Ban the Boring and Exciting Endings.

Students will be continuing with the spelling program, SMART Spelling. Their words will be in the Spelling Classroom each week. We will discuss/deconstruct on Mondays and tested on Fridays.

Maths

In term one a large component of our teaching will be focused on

Number:

The four process

Measurement & Geometry

2-D & 3-D Shape & Space

Angles

Transformation

Number skills form the backbone of the maths curriculum.

A child who has near instant recall of multiplication tables will be confident in undertaking all the challenges that the maths curriculum will present. Supporting your child as they consolidate competency with times tables gives them a powerful tool and is key to their success of how they view themselves as mathematicians.

Religion

Children will explore and expand their understanding of Lent and Easter and their relationship to God, family and fostering friendships.

Our MJR/SWPBS programs will run through most of what we teach and will be an important component.

Our assemblies will be a class presentation of a paraliturgy.

Specialists

In 2018, all specialist classes will be on a Wednesday, beginning at 9am.

We welcome Bu Watts who will take our Indonesian language through art classes.

Ms. Murray will be teaching Environmental Science.

Sport uniform will be required on Wednesdays for PE with Mr Mutimer, and Fridays for Year 6 tennis.

Homework

Homework will be their spelling words, which will be gone through on a Monday morning, and any work that was not completed in class time.

We view reading and times-tables as being fundamental to quality learning in both literacy and maths, and ask that students read nightly and practice their times-tables regularly. This will help them to consolidate their comprehension and mental computation skills.

Thank you in advance for your support and assistance in making your child's year as successful as possible.

Year 5/6 Teachers

Gai Cooke, Michael Brooks.

Important Dates.

Assemblies will be every second Friday at 2.45pm. Wk. 2,4,6,8.

Tuesday February 6th

Friday February 9th

Sunday February 11th

Monday February 12th

Friday February 16th

Friday February 23rd

Wednesday March 1st

Friday March 9th

Friday March 16th

Friday 16th March

Monday March 19th

Wednesday March 21st

Wednesday March 23rd

Thursday March 29th

Parent Information Night

Whole School Mass 9.15am

Reconciliation after mass.

Beginning School Mass. 9am

Depart for Canberra

Return from Canberra

Whole School Mass 9.15am

District Swimming Carnival

WIPPS

Whole School Mass 9.15am

St Patrick's Day Mass

District Soccer Lightning

Premiership TBA

St Joseph's Feast Day (Liturgy) 9.15am

School Photos

Whole School Mass 9.15am

Holy Week Story (whole school) 12pm