

YEAR FIVE 2015

GRADE OVERVIEW



Welcome

Welcome back to Term 3.

We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break.

Looking forward to a busy term ahead.

Mrs. Smith and Miss Dooley

Save the Date!

Library

Library Borrowing is every Friday. We encourage everyone to borrow books every week!

Sport

Children come dressed in full sport uniform every Tuesday and Friday.

Homework

Homework folders are to be signed and returned every Friday.

Subject Overviews

The Subject overview will give you a sense of what your children will be focusing on in class. These could be the things you talk to your child about through the term.

Religious Education

Our first topic in Religion is 'Faith Communities in my Local Area.' In this unit we will explore a variety of expressions of Christianity and students will become more aware of the traditions, community life, styles of worship and forms of ministry in various churches.

Our second topic is 'Living the Message of Jesus.' In this unit students will explore the call of baptised Christians to live as Jesus teaches in loving service of others.

Each unit will be of the same length, approximately 5 weeks each. Throughout the term we will have opportunities to learn formal prayers as well as be involved in informal prayer and Eucharistic celebrations.

English

This term, we will be linking our English unit to our Geography unit 'Factors that Shape Places.' Students will be exploring a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts, however, we will focus on informative texts.

Throughout the term we will be undergoing a novel study of the book 'February Dragon.' This book links to our Geography unit as it explores the themes of Australian living, climate and landscape in rural communities.

Grammar will be linked to the text types and include nouns, verbs, conjunctions, present tense, adverbial phrases and modality. Children will read a wide variety of books and will be read to daily as well as being given time for independent reading.

Mathematics

During Maths this term warm-ups will be based around number patterns counting forward and backwards from any given number in any interval. The four operations will be covered each term involving money, measurement and decimal notation. Addition and Subtraction will be based around the use of mental and written strategies to add and subtract three and four digit numbers by one digit and two digit numbers. We will also be focusing on Angles, 2D and 3D space, Length, Area and Time.



Science and Technology

Science and Technology will not be covered in Term Three to allow thorough investigation of our Geography unit.



History and Geography

Our Geography topic for this term is 'Factors that Shape Places.' Students will investigate how people change the natural environment in Australia and other places in the world. They will also explore how the environment influences the human characteristics of places.

The unit will be further explored during the English unit as previously mentioned. Students will explore the impacts bushfires have on Australian people, places and environments and propose ways to reduce the impact of bushfires in the future.

Creative Arts

The children will have creative arts lessons with Mrs. Laus every Tuesday.

In class, our Visual Arts program will focus on our Geography unit. We will also be exploring perspective and using it in our artwork.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

During Personal Development and Health lessons we will focus on the topic 'Growing and Changing' which explores and explains strategies for dealing with life changes.

Students will continue to have sports lessons with Mr. Jones every Tuesday. We will also have sport sessions on a Friday in which we will focus on developing skills by participating in a variety of games focusing on fitness and participation.



General Information

Year 5 sport day will be Tuesday and Friday.

Our Library day is Friday.

Homework will be handed out each Friday, and due the following Friday. This gives students the opportunity to complete homework on the weekend if time is short during the week. Please ensure your child completes all elements of the homework.

Children are expected to read every night for at least 15 minutes. Other homework should take no longer than between 60 and 90 minutes a week.

Thanks to all parents who have sent along appropriate pencil cases and supplies for their children. Please check your child's stationery regularly to make sure all supplies needed are there.

For our PDHPE unit there will be an information night for parents which explores the physical, social and emotional changes which occur during puberty. Details will be given to parents closer to the date.

From weeks 5 - 7 every Wednesday all students will be participating in a Backyard League Clinic. When it begins students can wear sport uniform on the clinic day.

Miss Dooley and Mrs Smith

