

6TH MAY 2019

YEAR 5/6 CLASSROOM CHRONICLES



Important Dates

Thurs 9th May -
Casuals for Catholics

Fri 10th May -
Mother's Day Liturgy

Week 3 - NAPLAN

Fri 24th May -
Year 2/3 assembly

Thurs 30th May -
Year 6 transition day to Kearnan.

Fri 31st May -
Pupil Free Day

Mon 3rd May -
WA Day PH

Wed 5th June -
Assessment books home

Teacher Message

Welcome to Term 2 everyone!

We have had a fantastic start to the term. In week one all the students were really engaged, focused and interested in all the activities we did. What a wonderful beginning, it is sure to be a great term!

In week 3 the Year 5 students will be completing NAPLAN. I don't want any students to be worried or concerned about this and just a reminder that it is based on knowledge that the students have accumulated over the last couple of years of schooling. NAPLAN will run from Tuesday through to Friday with students taken out of class to complete the various assessments. In the lead up to the commencement of NAPLAN, in class we will be running through the various formats found in the assessment and also completing various practice tests as a whole class which will be very teacher directed. If you have any concerns, my door is always open.

Literacy

Writing

This term in writing the students will be continuing on with persuasive texts, focusing on ideas, organisation and language features. This will be followed by research reports in the form of a speech.

Spelling

Students will be using the Diana Rigg spelling program to continue their spelling progression. This term the list will be longer and comprising of up to two new concepts.

Reading

Students are progressing well through reading and will continue focusing on comprehension and decoding strategies with texts at an instructional level.

Library - Wednesdays.
Please return books weekly.

Canteen - Tuesdays
Please have orders in the basket on Tuesday mornings.

Sports Uniform -
The uniform for Term 2 is Winter.
Sports uniforms are Thursdays & Fridays.

History

In History, students will be continuing to study those who migrated to Australia. Focusing on influencing factors for migration, their experiences and why we celebrate diversity.

Civics and Citizenship

In Civics and Citizenship we will be continuing to study the Australian Parliament and the courts.

Business and Economics

Students will be studying limited resources, selecting and allocating resources and how we can make more sustainable choices.

HASS

Religion

This term students will be studying the following concepts.

Prayer

In the unit *Prayer*, students will study why prayer is an important part in the lives of Christians and why this brings us closer to God.

Eucharist

In our *Eucharist* unit, students will study that Jesus is present within the Eucharist and Mass prepares people to go and be like Jesus in the world; helping and caring for those in need.

Maths - Year 5

The year 5 students' will be starting the Term with a focus on the Number and Algebra strand of the National Curriculum. Within this strand the students' will explore;

Fractions and decimals- Represent, interpret and compare decimal fractions to thousandths.

Using unit of measurement- Area, calculate area using appropriate units and Time-converting 12-hour (am and pm) to 24-hour.

Subtraction mental and written strategies- Use vertical algorithm to solve subtraction problem. Choose and apply mental subtraction strategies such as rounding, the compensation strategy and counting up.

Weeks 4-6 Statistics and Probability will be the focus strand while maintaining Number and Algebra. Within these strands the students will explore;

Data representation and interpretation – Collect and representing data using numerical and categorical knowledge to construct appropriate displays.

Multiplication mental strategies-Use mental multiplication strategies such as the tens trick and doubling and halving.

The student's Homework book will be sent home in week 1. If your child is having any difficulty with their homework, I am only too happy to help them.

Students will be sitting NAPLAN (numeracy) test on Friday 17th of May.

Maths - Year 6

This first half of term in Year 6, we will be covering the following concepts:

Decimal Fractions - Apply knowledge of equivalent fractions to add and subtract fractions with the same or related denominators.

Timetables and timelines - Explore, interpret and solve problems involving timetables and timelines.

Squared & Triangular Numbers - Explore and describe the properties of square and triangular numbers.

Data Interpretation - Gather data and construct and interpret appropriate displays including line, picture and column graphs with two categorical variables.

Written Subtraction Strategies - Consolidate understanding of the vertical subtraction algorithm with trading across multiple columns to accurately solve addition problems with large numbers.

Area - Calculate and solve problems involving area using common metric units.