

# Class Newsletter

Mrs Mueller's Year 5/6 Class

## Upcoming Events

- 28th Aug - Fotoworks School Photos
- 30th Aug - Father's Day Liturgy
- 4th Sept - Author Workshop at PDHS
- 6th Sept - Yr 5/6 Assembly
- 13th Sept - Winter Sports Carnival
- 17th Sept - Tree Talks
- 20th Sept - Yr 4 Assembly
- 27th Sept - Last day of term

## Reminders

- Canteen remains on Tuesdays.
- Library is held on Wednesdays
- The uniform for Term 3 is the Winter uniform and sports uniforms are to be worn on Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays.

## Teacher Note

As usual, I am totally surprised we are half way through the term! It really does feel as though we have only just started again.

The students are all doing wonderfully and well, you know what they say, time flies when you're having fun!

## Homework

The students have adapted to the new homework layout really well and I have seen lots of awesome effort going into their weekly assignments.

It's really cool to come in and the students tell me what they're working on and some of the new information they have found out about various topics.

Here are some examples of the work submitted.



## Religion

In weeks 6 - 10 in Religious Education we will be focusing on Confirmation.

As you know, some of our Year 6 students will be participating in the Sacrament of Confirmation at the beginning of Term 4.

In the lead up to this special event, we will be studying God's creation of people body and soul, the gift of the Holy Spirit and how the fruits of the Holy Spirit strengthen people to live like Jesus.

## Literacy

### Spelling

Our slightly different take on spelling this term has been running smoothly.

It has been great developing larger vocabulary with sounds and letter patterns that the students know well but can sometimes forget to apply to unfamiliar words. I feel this is helping to apply more thought to spelling in their writing and reading too.

### Reading

We are so lucky that our new readers have arrived. They are providing the students with the challenge they need, whilst also making reading really interesting with real world topics.

### Writing

As the tree talks are in week 9, we will continue to work on the students speeches to prepare them for possible participation. But aside from this we will be looking into procedures for the remainder of the term.

## HASS

### History

In History we will be covering a range of concepts relating to democracy, citizenship and immigration experiences of 20th century Australia.

### Civics & Citizenship

In Civics & Citizenship we will be continuing to study how laws are initiated and passed through the federal parliament

### Business & Economics

In Business and Economics we will be continuing to research the impact consumer purchasing decisions can have on a family, the broader community (e.g. purchasing from the local growers' market or a supermarket chain) and the environment (e.g. pollution, waste)

## Maths

From weeks 6 - 10 we will be studying the following concepts:

Year 6

- Location & Transformation: Transformation: Investigate, describe, continue and create patterns based on transformations of 2D shapes, including tessellations
- Number & Place Value: Integers: Explore negative numbers on number lines and in real life situations to solve related problems.
- Using units of measure: Volume & Capacity: Measure, calculate and compare volumes and capacity using formal metric units. Convert between common units of capacity.
- Patterns & Algebra: Order of operations: Investigate and apply the order of operations rules to solve more complex number problems.

Year 5

For the past week we have been thinking about angles and their unit of measurement: the degree. Ask your child to show you the angles 180°, 90°, 45°, 60° and 30° using the hands of a clock or two sticks. Ask them to explain what acute and obtuse angles are and what they have discovered about triangles and the angle sum of a polygon.

Year 5 students in the coming weeks will be working in the Number and Algebra and Measurement and Geometry strand of the National Curriculum. This will involve:

- Number and Algebra-Explore divisibility tests for numbers to 10 and use them in calculations and problem solve.
- Location and transformation- use grid references to record positions and use compass points and directional language when giving directions.
- Geometric reasoning- identify and classify three-dimensional objects by their properties.