

MAY 2020

YEAR 5/6 NEWSLETTER

Teacher's Note

I can safely say that no one expected Term 1 to end in the way it did! And I must say a massive thank you to everyone for being patient and flexible during this time.

There is still some uncertainty but we will continue to aim to do things in Year 5/6 as smoothly and consistently as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES

10th May - Mother's Day

1st June - WA Day (public holiday)

2nd June - Pupil free day

Literacy

Spelling

In Spelling, students will continue to work at their specified level within the Diana Rigg Spelling Program.

Reading

In Reading, students are continuing the Flying Start to Literacy program. They work through these texts answering questions which help to encourage higher order thinking.

Writing

In Writing this term, we will be focusing on persuasive texts.

The hope is that we will complete more than one writing genre this term, but the rate at which we get through these units may vary in the current climate.

Religion

In Religion we will be studying Eucharist for the first 5 weeks.

This unit explores how people can demonstrate goodness and reflect God. Your child will think about their family, friends, communities and culture and how their experiences in these groups shape the people that they are today.

Your child will read about the ways that Jesus showed goodness by being kind, courageous and compassionate. They will recognise that although it can sometimes be hard to show goodness, Jesus gives people strength when they receive Holy Communion.

During this unit, your child will learn that God speaks to us through the words in the Bible and these readings guide and challenge us to share our goodness. These readings are used during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. Your child will look at the parts of the Liturgy of the Word and the important way that people read out the Word of God.

Maths

Year 5

The year 5 students will be working on the following areas during the first four weeks of the term with a focus on the Number and Algebra strand and Geometry and Measurement strand of the National Curriculum. Within these strands, the students will explore the following and will also cover a number of different problem solving strategies.

- Geometry- Latitude and longitude, using scales to understand maps and diagrams, map references and compass points.
- Division- Division with zeros and with remainders.
- Problem Solving Strategies- Guess and check, draw a picture or diagram and act out the problem.

Weighing Introduction: Making Mathematics real

Children learn first to compare things by hand, and by using balances. Later they learn about kilograms and grams. You can:

- Talk to your children about different ways of weighing things.
- Talk about containers in terms of how much they weigh.
- Compare the size and weight of items in the supermarket.
- Weigh ingredients when you are cooking (learning to cook is helpful in many ways).

Year 6

In weeks 2 - 6 the year 6 students will focus on the following concepts.

Number and Algebra

- Equivalent fractions
- Adding and subtracting fractions
- Fractions as division

Measurement and Geometry

- Area of composite rectangles
- Packing and stacking (visualising 3D shapes from different viewpoints)
- Investigating squares and rectangles

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History

In History, the students will be studying the impact colonisation had upon Aboriginal life and the environment. They will also be looking into the impact of major events such as, gold rushes, colonial conflicts, transport and the telegraph in the 1800s in Australia.

Civics & Citizenship

In Civics & Citizenship, the students will continue to study the roles and responsibilities of electors and representatives in Australia's democracy and the key features of the electoral process.

Business & Economics

In Business & Economics, the students will be continuing to explore the types of resources (natural, human, capital) and the ways societies use them in order to satisfy the needs and wants of present and future generations.

To Note...

Homework

Homework will be put on hold until further notice. I aim to have this resume within a couple of weeks.

Uniform

The uniform for Term 2 is the Winter uniform with sports uniforms to be worn on Thursdays and Fridays.

Canteen

When restrictions are lifted canteen will be held again on Tuesdays.

Library

Library is currently held on a Wednesday for the time being.