

JUNE 2020

YEAR 5/6 NEWSLETTER

Teacher's Note

With Term Two's rough start we have actually managed to maintain well near total normality, with the exception of particular events.

The students have been focused and willing to learn after their holidays and were of course very happy to see all their friends again!

IMPORTANT DATES

30th June - Reports go home

2nd July - Last day for students

Literacy

Spelling

In Spelling, students will continue to work at their specified level within the Diana Rigg Spelling Program with the addition of dictation throughout the week.

Reading

In Reading, students are continuing the Flying Start to Literacy program. They are all gaining considerable knowledge on their text's specific topic over the past weeks.

Writing

In Writing in weeks 7 - 10 the students will be focusing on the features of procedural texts.



Lachlan, William and Lia hard at reading.
With Joshua and Dane photobombing!

Religion

In Religion the students will be studying the Year 6 Confirmation unit for the remainder of the term.

This Year 6 unit explores that God made people with a body and a soul, and that our soul helps us to be loving and good. Your child will learn that your soul is not a physical part of the body but will last forever even after physical death.

Before he rose to heaven, Jesus promised his disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit to help them to live as he taught and spread his message to others. This promise was fulfilled at Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit and began to spread God's message.

During the Sacrament of Confirmation, the gifts received at Baptism are strengthened by the Holy Spirit which helps people to live as Jesus taught. Your child will learn that when you receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit people are able to think, speak and behave more like Jesus in their daily lives.

Maths

Year 5

The students have had a fantastic attitude to the disruptions caused by Covid-19. They have continued to work at a high standard since the recommencement of school. The remainder of Term 2 we will be working on:

- Coordinates to locate position.
- Revising reading of timetable (bus, train) and understanding lapsed time. Also, converting 12-hour time to 24-hour time.
- Probability.
- Interpreting data.
- Developing students' understanding of number facts (times table).

Helping your child with Mathematics

Children need time to think and time to answer. When asking your children questions or talking to them about Mathematics give them time. Be patient. Wait for them to answer. Also, explain to older children that they need to give younger children time to answer questions, rather than always answering for them.

Greg Kelly

Year 6

In Weeks 7 the Year 6 students will focus on the following concepts.

Number and Algebra

- Decimal addition and subtraction
- Decimal multiplication

In Weeks 8 - 10 the students will be completing their first investigation with the iMaths program.

This Investigation is called *Happy Hippos* and allows students to combine their creativity with their natural interest in wild animals. Students will be so engrossed in the planning of their Safari Parks that they will hardly realise they are using complicated mathematical processes.

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History

In History we are a touch behind and the students will be studying the impacts of colonial and convict life on the environment.

Civics & Citizenship

In Civics & Citizenship, the students will be studying the features of preferential voting.

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

Students now have their homework grid each and are to complete one assignment per week, along with spelling, reading and maths.

Uniform

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

Canteen

Canteen will be restarting on Tuesdays. Keep eyes out for more information on this.

Library

Library is now back on Wednesdays.