

Year 5/6

TERM TWO



Welcome to Term Two

At the end of last term the students said farewell to Miss Buegge as she embarks on a new journey. We would like to start by thanking Miss Buegge for all of her efforts in beginning the year with a bang and send our best wishes to her in the upcoming weeks. This term we will aim to follow many of the practices and procedures that are already in place to allow for a smooth transition for the students.

We are looking forward to the term and getting to know the students and continuing their learning journey. If you have any queries please feel free to contact us at any point. Regards Ruth and Katrina

Week Overview

Monday: Mrs Gandy
Tuesday: Mrs Gandy
Wednesday: Mrs Gandy
Thursday: Mrs Kelly
Friday: Mrs Kelly

Specialist Teachers

Health: Miss Decampo
Art: Miss Decampo
STEM: Miss Decampo
Science: Mr Kelly
Phys Ed: Mr Kelly
Music: Mrs Ellis
Italian: Mr Kelly

Important Dates

6th May Mothers Day Liturgy and Morning Tea @ 11am

10th May Casuals for Catholics

27th May Assessment Books Home

6th & 7th June PH and Pupil Free Day

10th June Cross Country

19th June First Holy Communion

English

In Reading, we will be continuing the guided reading rotations that were established last term. These rotations will focus on reading fluency and comprehension.

Students will also continue to participate in our Accelerated Reader program and work towards their individualised targets.

This term, we will also read a class novel titled 'Goldfields Girl'. This story follows the life of a 14 year old girl and her move to Coolgardie in 1892 amid the Gold Rush.

In spelling, we will continue to use the Diana Rigg spelling program with individualised word lists.

English

For the first half of the term during our writing lessons we will be focusing on persuasive texts. Identifying what elements are in a high-quality persuasive text and trying our hand at developing our own persuasive speeches to try and convince our classmates that our argument is the most convincing.

Maths

On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays the students will cover number and algebra concepts with Mrs Gandy. On Thursdays and Fridays the students will cover measurement and geometry and statistics and probability concepts with Mrs Kelly.

Mrs Gandy - This term the Year 5 students will explore and expand their knowledge on fractions. Following this, they will explore decimal numbers. The Year 6 students will also be exploring decimal numbers and working with percentages.

Mrs Kelly - We will start the term off with a focus on Statistics and Probability by learning about how to create different forms of graphs and interpreting the data recorded on the graphs. Following this we will turn our focus to Geometry, with the Year 5's working on reading maps and following directions using map references and compass points. While the Year 6's will learn how to make and read coordinates in 4 quadrants and how to use degrees of latitude and longitude to find locations on maps.

Science

This term, the students will be learning about Earth and Space. They will be investigating major geological events such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions in Australia and Asia region. They will also learning how we can measure significant geological events and exploring ways that scientific understanding can assist in natural disaster management to minimize both long term and short term effects.

Other Information

Canteen - Canteen will be on Tuesday each week.

Uniform - The uniform for Term2 is the Winter uniform. Sports uniforms are worn on Thursday and Friday.

Library - Library will be held on Mondays.

Homework - Students are to complete the assigned Math booklet, nightly reading and one assignment from their homework grid by Friday each week. Homework will follow the same structure as last term and will commence Week 2.

Religion

In Religion, students will be studying the Eucharist unit in order to help prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

This unit explores celebrations. Your child will learn the different ways and reasons why people celebrate. Jesus celebrated with his friends. A special festival which Jesus and his friends celebrated was Passover. Jesus celebrated Passover with his closest friends on the night of the Last Supper. Your child will learn that from the Last Supper event, people remember Jesus in the celebration of the Eucharist.

There are different parts to the Mass. Your child will focus on the Liturgy of the Eucharist, where people receive Holy Communion to grow closer in friendship with Jesus and be more like him in the world.

HASS

In HASS we will continue the subjects of History and Civics and Citizenship.

In History, students will explore the economic, social and political impacts of significant events in Australia's colonisation. Later in the term they will also research the contributions of individuals in shaping the Swan River Colony.

In Civics and Citizenship the students will explore the the key features of our electoral process in Australia.

Health

This term, students will be working through the Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum. To begin, they will be focussing on the concepts of safety including the identification of warning signs when they are feeling unsafe. They will then move into exploring the concept of risk-taking and how to respond in a personal emergency.

Mothers Day

The students are looking forward to welcoming their mothers to school on Friday 6th May at 11am as they lead the school in our Thanksgiving Liturgy dedicated to Mothers around the World. We hope you can make it to share this special occasion with your child and enjoy a well-deserved morning tea following the Liturgy.