

Year 5/6

TERM THREE

Let the
countdown
begin...



Firstly, we would like to congratulate the students for all of their efforts over the last few weeks. Without a doubt, it has been jam packed from TREE talks, 70th celebrations and Confirmation. As we head into the second part of the term, the events keep rolling in. The students are most excited about their upcoming camps to Perth and Walpole.

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: Miss Salmeri
Phys Ed: Miss Salmeri
Music: Mrs Ellis
Italian: Miss Salmeri

Important Dates

24th Aug Book Week Parade
26th Aug Primary Winter Sports Carnival
2nd Sep Father's Day Liturgy and Breakfast
6th Sep Class Open Night
8th Sep 5/6 World Cafe in Manjimup
9th Sep 5/6 Assembly
12th - 16th Sep Yr 6 Perth Camp
15th - 16th Sep Yr 5 Walpole Camp
Week 10 Swimming

English

Over the next few weeks we are going to continue our strong focus on learning spelling rules. It is amazing to see how many rules there are. Did you know that when a word ends 'consonant y' you change the 'y' to an 'i' when you add a vowel suffix. We will be reviewing the rules already taught and adding to our repertoire even more.

In class we are also going to be looking at two punctuation marks that have many uses - the apostrophe and comma!

In reading, we will turn our attention to comprehension and how good readers use different strategies to assist with their understanding of texts. This week we will also begin our reading rotations again which focuses on our reading fluency.

Our writing takes a new focus for the remainder of the term. This week we will perfect our procedure writing skills, by following recipes developed by our peers to create a delicious 3 course lunch for us to enjoy this coming Thursday. We will then refine and develop our critiquing and reviewing skills while studying an episode of "How to Train Your Dragon" exploring the story line and the different character traits of some the characters.

Camp

The class is abuzz with chatter about their upcoming camp. Notes and information will be sent out soon about these. The Yr 6 students will travel to Perth in Week 9, whilst the Year 4/5 students will enjoy an overnight camp in Walpole on the Thursday/Friday of week 9.

Maths

Mrs Gandy - Last week we finished our focus on percent, discount and money. We will now turn our attention to finding patterns in number sentences and how we can 'backtrack' to solve number problems.

Towards the end of term, we will also begin another maths investigation. This time it will be on collecting and presenting weather data.

Mrs Kelly - We are finishing up and presenting our investigations this week, there have been some very creative robots designed and created by the students. Next the students will explore how to translocate shapes and lines and explore lines of symmetry. At the end of the term, we will review and further develop our skills with adding and subtracting time.

Religion

Thank you to all the families who were able to join us in our Confirmation celebration last weekend. We hope the five candidates had a memorable morning. They are to be congratulated for their efforts in preparing for this sacrament. Also thank you to the students who joined our choir and read, all these parts work together towards making a beautiful Mass.

We will begin our new unit this week on Penance. We will explore the importance of acknowledging our wrong doings.

Health

For the remainder of this Term in Health, students will be exploring privacy and the body where they will explore the meaning of private, appropriate touching and recognising abuse.

Primary Winter Sports Carnival

Friday will see the students participating in the annual Primary Winter Sports Carnival. This year the format of the carnival will change allowing the students to get a 'taste of' and enjoy all three sports - soccer, netball and hockey. Thank you to Miss Decampo and Miss Salmeri for all of your efforts in organising this event.

Science

In Science the Year 4/5/6 students have been putting both Miss Salmeri's stomach, and their own to the test as they grow their own micro- organism farms (Commonly known as MOULD!). They have been measuring, preparing and evaluating the growth of mould on different surfaces all around the school. Although this sounds DISGUSTING, the children actually find this very intriguing, and it is certainly developing their inquiry skills and curiosity. For the next few weeks students will be continuing their research into micro-organisms and looking at some of the benefits they provide in society.

STEM

As students continue to explore ways to be water wise, they will learn about water filtration systems, designing a basic system of their own. Later in the term, students will also design a water carrying device, considering ways water can be transferred from one location to another with minimal wastage

Phys Ed.

Students have worked so hard and shown their adaptability so far this term in sport. They have worked through a rotation of soccer, hockey and netball in preparation for the winter carnival on Friday! On completion of this we will be preparing students for the upcoming sports carnival that will be held in term 4. Going through the skills that the different events require.

HASS

In geography this term, we will be exploring how our environment changes from both natural and man-made actions. We will then explore different landmarks and features of North and South America whilst focusing on developing our research skills.

