



Year 5/6

TERM FOUR

The Final Countdown....



A huge thank you to all the students for their efforts in the past few weeks. As the end of the year nears the students have had to complete a number of assessments and tests for both individual and school reporting. The students will be relieved to know that there are only a few more to go!

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

Fri 18th Nov - Athletics
Carnival

Wed 23rd Nov -Yr 6
Kearnan Orientation &
School AGM

Wed 30th Nov - Yr 6
Graduation Mass and
Dinner

Wed 7th Dec -
Christmas Concert

Fri 9th Dec - Last day of
term

English

So far this term we have been reading our class novel 'Wonder'. In the coming weeks we will continue to read this text and explore in depth the characters and storyline. Upon completing the text the students will then have the opportunity to view the movie based on the text. Whilst doing this the students will compare components between the text and movie.

As part of this, we will discuss why texts and movies vary and how movie producers are able to convey the meaning and messages as depicted by authors.

In writing, we have finished studying explanation texts with each student completing an informative explanation poster about the life cycle of an Australian animal that you would have seen in their Assessment Books. We will be letting our creative juices flow for the remainder of the term as we explore and write a range of different types of poems. The students have already written some very reflective cinquain poems about Remembrance Day.

Maths

Mrs Gandy - For the final few weeks of the term, the students will be completing an investigation on the price of liquids. Within this investigation students will need to research the cost of different liquids eg. petrol, milk, perfume etc. They will then need to compare these prices and present their data in different formats. This investigation will require the students to recall many topics that have been taught throughout the year.

Mrs Kelly - We are continuing studying how to record and calculate the probability of data and will develop some simple experiments to conduct and gather data. We will then mathematically analyse and record the data using different types of graphs to explain our findings. Following this, we are reviewing how to read and calculate time zones in 24 and 12 hours.

Religion

As we near the Advent season the students will explore how this time helps us prepare for Christmas. Students will learn about the history of the advent calendar and how these can focus our attention during this special season. We will also be reviewing the Nativity story in order to prepare for our performance at the Christmas Concert.

Health

Students will continue learning about privacy and the body, where they will review the meaning of private, appropriate touching and recognising abuse. Students will also explore cyber safety concepts around sharing digital images and the use of video media and computer games. Finally, students will review strategies around what to do when they feel unsafe in a situation.



Science

Science in the year 4/5/6 class this term has been focusing on the life cycles of living organisms. Students have been describing and comparing life cycles of different animals and plants. Students have looked closely at the process of metamorphosis and the benefits that it gives some creatures. Students are now turning their focus from humans and animals towards plants. We will be exploring the importance of the plant's life cycle and in particular the importance of seed dispersal. This unit involves the students working scientifically and using scientific thinking.

STEM

Students are working on their STEM project, looking at ways they would like to make our town more sustainable. The projects will include three presentation elements; a speech, a short film and visual element (a poster or prototype). We look forward to hearing about their ideas!

Phys Ed.

With one week left to the Athletics Carnival, the students have been working non-stop to master the skills in their team games and individual events. The Year 3/4/5/6 students have finished practicing their vortex throws, shot put, long jump and triple jump (Year 5/6) and the results have now been sent off to PDHS to prepare for the big day. In Week 7 students will move their focus from the athletics events and begin to learn about a new summer sport... this sport will involve working together as a team, speed, focus and strategic play.

HASS

As we come to the end of our Business and Economics unit the students will be looking at the power of advertising and how this can influence the consumer. In the final weeks the students will then be given a budget to plan for some 'Christmas shopping'. During this task the students will have to meet certain criteria and allocate their money within different areas such as food, presents and decorations.