

The Year 3/4 Newsletter

Term 4, Weeks 6-9



Important Dates:

18th November- Athletics Carnival PDHS

23rd November- Year 6 Kearnan Orientation day

30th November- Year 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner

7th December- Christmas concert and awards night

8th December - Reports go home

9th December- Last day of school students

LITERACY

The Year 3/4 students have been working flat out this term to learn all there is to know about Poetry. They have produced some incredible poems that are displayed around our classroom. Students are now beginning their last writing topic of the year... Reviewing. Students have already begun their first book review and are using their persuasive writing strategies to hook the reader in.

Each week in reading we have been covering a different reading comprehension strategy, the students have worked hard in the activities and learning involved and are now able to use these strategies in their reading tests.

MATHS

So far in maths the Year 3/4 students have been testing their mathematical understanding with some tricky investigations. The Year 3 students have been delving into fractions and produced some incredible videos explaining their knowledge. While the Year 4 students were breaking down the components of 3D shapes to create nets and using their measurement skills to plan and create prisms and pyramids that will hold the most marbles. Students are now learning about statistics and probability, the language that surrounds them and the importance of a fair test.

TECHNOLOGY

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!

SPORT

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 plays.

Year 3's

HEALTH

For the remainder of the Term, students will revise a range of strategies for 'keeping safe' and how to be persistent when sharing important information around safety.

INQUIRY/HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Over the past few weeks, we have been very busy researching a prehistoric mammal and its unique characteristics. We identified that some of the characteristics our prehistorical mammal had are similar to mammals in our world now. Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring the similarities and differences of our prehistoric mammal and its modern day relative and why they have changed over time. We are excited to see where this investigation takes us.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As a very exciting time in our liturgical year comes closer, we will begin exploring the people, events and preparations leading up to the birth of Jesus. Advent is the four weeks leading up to Christmas where people focus on waiting and preparing for the coming of Jesus. During this time, people can decorate a Jesse Tree to remember all the people and events in the Bible starting from creation to the birth of Jesus. Through this unit, we will learn the meaning of Advent and the Jesse Tree. Advent is also a time to recall the stories of the birth of Jesus. This is one way that Christians can reflect on the presence of Jesus in their lives. We will identify ways people may reach out with love during Advent.

SCIENCE

So far this term in Science the Year 1/2/3's have been exploring how living things change. We have looked at how different species change in different ways and focused on animals and humans. For the remaining 4 weeks of Term 4, our focus will be on plants and their life cycle. Students have already begun creating predictions and hypothesis about the growth of plants from a seed. This focus in the unit enables the students to work scientifically with a focus on literature and understanding of all living things.

Year 4's

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.

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.

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.



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.