

Year 5/6 Newsletter

Term Three - July 2023

TEACHER NOTE

Welcome back to term three. We hope you all had a fantastic holiday. It was fantastic to welcome the students back this week and get straight back into the swing of our teaching and learning programs.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 26 July Year 3/4 Mass

Wed 2 Aug KP Assembly @ 9am

Week 3 Yr 5 Bishop's Religious Assessment

Wed 9 Aug Year 5/6 Mass (Mary Mackillop Feast Day)

Wed 23 Aug Book Week Parade

Fri 25 Aug Primary Winter Carnival

Wed 30 Aug Year 1/2 Mass

Fri 1 Sep Father's Day Breakfast and 5/6 Assembly

HEALTH - Miss Buegge

In Health, students will be exploring strategies to manage emotions and analyse how emotional responses influence interactions and relationships. Students will also investigate skills and strategies to establish and manage relationships over time.

ENGLISH

This term in English we will have a strong focus on comprehension skills. Throughout the term we will delve into the strategies of finding the main idea, cause and effect, making inferences and summarising.

We will also be beginning a novel study this term. The book called 'Can You See Me' is about a young 11 year old girl and how she faces life with autism. The focus of this novel will be about reflecting on different perspectives and how we need to be kind towards others.

- Mrs Gandy.

In Writing, students are continuing to work on their Tree Talk speeches. Most students are onto their first draft after researching and taking notes and will soon be on their way to perfecting their speeches.
Miss Buegge.

RELIGION - Mrs Gandy

In Religion, we will begin our focus on Penance. During this unit we will explore what a sin is, how we can ask for forgiveness and how we can give forgiveness. Students will explore the sacrament of Penance and how Christians are strengthened by God's love to show love and mercy to others.



MATHS

This term with Mrs Gandy the students will continue their daily times table tasks and number of the day activities. In addition to this, the classes will cover the following topics

Year 5:

Fractions

Place value to the thousandths
Decimal addition to hundredths
Decimal subtraction to hundredths

Year 6:

Fractions as division
Decimal addition to thousandths
Decimal subtraction to thousandths

In Mathematics with Miss Buegge, students will be covering the following concepts in the initial weeks of the term supplemented by problem solving activities.

Year 5:

Latitude and longitude
Perimeter of rectangles
Measure angles 0-180 degrees
Flips, slides and turns

Year 6:

Probability
Judgements
Causes of bias
Line graphs

SCIENCE – Mr Kelly

This term, Year 4, 5 and 6 students will be learning from the area of Physical Sciences. The focus will be investigating the properties of light. Students will be exploring the phenomena of reflection, refraction and shadows. Outlined below are the different topics the students will be investigating.

- To research the concept of light and generate a list of statements that can be tested.
- To draw simple ray diagrams to show the paths of light from a source to the eyes.
- To explore opaque, translucent and transparent materials.
- To compare shadows from point and extended light sources.
- To use mirrors to investigate some of the properties of reflected light.
- To observe the refraction of light at the surfaces of different transparent materials.
- To investigate how the colour of an object depends on the properties of the object.
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STEM – Miss Buegge

Students will be exploring different cultures around the world, comparing worldwide communities with local communities, and explaining the interrelationship between the environment and community development.

HASS – Mrs Gandy

In HASS this term we are focusing on history. The topic will be based on the First Fleet. We will explore why ships were sent to Australia, who was sent and what happened when they arrived. Students will complete a number of research tasks about the people who arrived and the implications for the First Peoples upon the arrival and colonisation of the First Fleet.

PHYS ED – Mrs Kristoffersson

This term in sport we will be getting ready for the Winter Carnival to be held in Week 8. We will spend the first part of the term working on our netball skills. We will focus on learning how to pass, defend, shoot and understand the various positions in the game. After this we will begin playing some hockey, developing our skills and working on game play.

