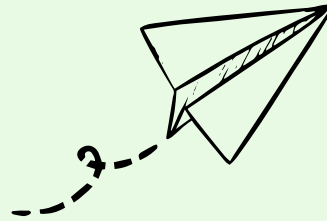


Year 5/6 Newsletter

October, 2023

Welcome back to another amazing school term!
We are looking forward to the craziness that is
Term Four as there are lots of exciting
upcoming events in this jam packed term.



English

In Writing this term students will be exploring explanation texts and identifying text structure, language features and explanatory language. Students will then create their own text explaining a particular process.

This term in Reading, we will be learning about the following strategies that assist us in comprehending texts. These strategies are,

- Compare and contrast.
- Identifying fact and opinion
- Identifying figurative language

We will also start a new novel called 'Holes'. During this unit of work the students will read this text and analyse how the author goes from past tense to present tense whilst telling 3 stories that are interconnected. Once we have finished reading the text we will watch the movie and compare and contrast the storylines.

During English we will also be continuing on with our targeted spelling program with a focus on suffix endings.

Important Dates:

19th October

Mathademic @ MPS

21st October

Avocado pick @ Collins'

25th October

First Reconciliation Mass @ 10am

27th October

Soctober & dance incursion

3rd November

Music Assembly

7th November

SciTech Incursion

10th November

Athletics Carnival @ PDHS

STEM

In STEM students will be learning and applying their understanding of computing to program, monitor and control their products by understanding what floor robots are and how they are programmed and controlled.



HASS

This term the students will be completing a Civics and Citizenship unit. This unit will allow the students to explore the three levels of government: Federal, State and Local. The students will then learn about the local electoral process and what services local governments provide. The students will also explore the difference between rules and laws and why it is important that we have these in our daily lives.

Health

In the initial weeks of term in Health, the students will be focusing on privacy and their bodies and will learn to recognise different forms of abuse.

These topics are weighty and will be covered carefully according to the students' developmental levels. Please keep your eyes out for a letter that has been sent home with the class newsletter giving more information about this unit of work.

Maths

During Mathematics this term the students in both Year 5 and 6 will be exploring percentages and financial plans. The students will learn how to calculate and apply discount, how discounts are used in real life. They will then apply this knowledge to plan and budget certain activities.

They will then turn their attention to patterns and rules. They will begin by exploring geometric patterns followed by number patterns. They will need to discover the pattern and create rules based on these. Mrs Gandy.

In Mathematics students will be exploring a range of measurement and geometry concepts including metric systems of measurement, capacity, nets and properties of shapes and measuring angles.

Miss Buegge.

Science

This term, Year 5 and 6 students will be learning about the different properties of light. Students will investigate how the colour of an object depends on the properties of the object and the colour of the light source. At the completion of the unit students will be assessed on how they demonstrate their understanding of light and fair testing by independently designing a fair test to investigate how shadows change.

Sport

We really enjoyed the Winter Carnival last term, and our skipping skills improved so much. This term we turn our attention to preparing for the Athletics Carnival. We will be working on sprinting techniques, including fast starts and longer distance running. Jumping and throwing will be a focus, as will our skills in the team games.

