

# Year 5/6 Classroom News



Hello families,

We have had a busy few weeks of learning. It has been great to have everybody well, and back at school. There are so many exciting events coming up! I look forward to seeing you at the Classroom Open Night, if you are unable to attend please pop into the class when you have time.

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## Upcoming Events

- 21st August Book Week Parade
- 22nd August Classroom Open Night
- 23rd August Winter Carnival
- 29th August Kearnan Orientation Year 6s
- 30th August Pupil Free Day
- 2nd September Swimming Lessons begin & Father's Day Breakfast @8am
- 10th September School Photos

## Numeracy

Students have been working on their mental addition skills. We will continue this for a few more weeks before moving on to the different strategies we can use to solve subtraction problems using mental maths.

The Year 5 students will expand their knowledge of multiplication by working through 3 digit x 2 digit problems. They will also revise division with remainders and backtracking to solve problems.

Year 6 students will be doing lots of revision of concepts this term. They will revise written methods for division and multiplication and build on their understanding of order of operations. They will finish the term looking at bias and positive and negative numbers.

## Literacy

Students will continue to prepare for the presentation of their 'Tree Talks' later in the term. They have carefully selected topics and spent plenty of time gathering information which they are now writing into the form of a speech. We will be focusing on the elements of presentation, such as volume: tone, pitch, pace, formality and expression.

Students will continue to read our class novel, 'A Ghost in my Suitcase' by Australian author Gabrielle Wang. Students will focus on the use of imagery, descriptive language and character development.

## Science

This term in Biology, students have explored Australia's diverse range of animals, including endangered species, their unique features, and their habitats. Towards the end of the semester, we will combine this knowledge to create a project on an animal of their choice.

## Health

For the beginning of this term in Health, students will build on their knowledge of power in relationships and explore more examples of when this power is abused. They will also look at privacy and the body, including revising the correct anatomical names of body parts. To end the term students will learn about cyber safety and sharing information online.

## Geography

Heading into Week 6, students are wrapping up their creative geography booklets, where they've focused on a continent of their choice. Next, we'll delve into exploring environmental roles for people and animals, examining diverse perspectives on environmental protection and sustainability. It's an exciting transition from creative projects to impactful discussions about our world.

## Civics & Citizenship

This term in Civics and Citizenship, students are researching local government services like libraries, health care, parks, and waste management. They will soon create posters to showcase their findings and explore how 'rules' and 'laws' shape our community and daily lives.

## SPORT

We have been preparing for the Winter Carnival, working on our hockey, soccer and netball skills. I am sure the students will enjoy the day on Friday, and represent St Joseph's with pride. This term we have been having some volleyball sessions with an expert from Volleyball WA. Students will continue these sessions for several more weeks, with a focus on setting, passing, serving and match play. Finally, we will finish the term by brushing up on our cricket skills in preparation for a cricket carnival in Week 9.

## Religion

Students will be learning about positive relationships and strategies to resolve conflict. We will then move on to discuss the teachings of Jesus, with a focus on how Jesus taught his disciples to treat people. Students will explore the Sacrament of Penance and develop their understanding of forgiveness and healing. Finally, we will discuss how we can maintain healthy relationships in our lives.

## Digital Technologies

This term in Digital Technology, students have had a great time learning about algorithms, repetition, and branching. They've enjoyed creating their own branching systems and Scratch Junior games. Later in the term, students will have the chance to showcase their knowledge by designing and creating their own games.

