

Year 5/6 Newsletter

We are over halfway through this term and have already packed so much in! The Year 5/6s have been working hard in class and keeping busy with many school events. Their behaviour and attitude has been outstanding as they represent our school.

Mrs Kristo & Mrs Gandy



Literacy

The students have really been enjoying reading the class novel, 'Holes. In particular, they have enjoyed reading each chapter, watching the corresponding parts within the film, and discussing similarities and differences. We have also been exploring how foreshadowing and flashbacks are used as literary devices.

In our writing lessons we will be finishing up with our information reports and Tree Talks and moving on to learning about poetry. We will explore different types of poetry and some of the language features that poets use.

Religion

We will be learning about prayer for the remainder of the term.

Students will discuss their understanding of prayer and why people might pray. We will explore how people communicate and relate to God through prayer.

Students will discuss how Christians use prayer to help them understand and make meaning of their daily lives as they grow and develop.

Upcoming Events

- 29th August Pupil Free Day
- 2nd September Tree Talk Finals @ St Brigid's
- 4th September Year 6 Kearnan Orientation Day
- 5th September Father's Day Breakfast @ 8am
- 11th September R U OK DAY
- 12th September Assessment Portfolios sent home
- 16th September School Photos
- 18th September Year 5/6 Assembly
- 19th September Cricket Carnival Y3-6
- Week 10 Swimming Lessons

Health

We have been completing our Keeping Safe health program. In the coming weeks we will be exploring the term 'abuse' and what this means in relationships.

Digital Technologies

In the coming weeks we will be continuing to explore how to code our Sphero devices. Students are becoming more familiar with the coding blocks and being able to set simple codes of instructions to get their Sphero to complete a task.

Sport

The Year 5/6s did a wonderful job at the Winter Carnival last week. Their effort and sportsmanship was fantastic to see and I know they really enjoyed training and preparing for the various sports. For the remainder of the term we will focus on fitness and coordination with some work on our skipping skills. We will also play some cricket (if the oval is dry enough) in preparation for the Cricket Carnival in Week 9.

Numeracy

To end the term we will be exploring how to collect and represent data. Students will examine different types of graphs and how to analyse data. We will then turn our attention to time, focusing on reading time tables and solving elapsed time problems.

The Year 5s will develop their understanding of percentages and extend their knowledge of decimals and place value to thousandths.

The Year 6s will be working through decimal addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will also explore the links between fractions and percentages.

HASS

So far this term we have been learning about early Australian history including the Gold Rush and the Eureka Stockade. For the remainder of the term, students will be learning about early federation and democracy.

Chemical Science

Year 5

Students will explore viscosity and understand how the term is used to describe how easily a liquid flows. Students will conduct simple experiments to compare the flow of different liquids and observe how viscosity affects their behaviour. Student will also explore how heating and cooling matter causes changes in its physical state and properties due to alterations in temperature.

Year 6

Students will continue to explore how materials can undergo reversible changes and irreversible changes. We will experiment with physical changes such as dissolving, and chemical changes such as cooking and burning.