

TERM 4 2018

OVERVIEW

GRADES

4/5B, 5/6H & 5/6S

We hope you enjoyed Term 3 break and had a relaxing holiday. Term 4 is sure to be full of fun as our students are engaged in many fantastic learning opportunities.

Please talk to your children about what they are doing at school and offer on-going encouragement. Be patient as they acquire new skills and refine existing ones. Come in regularly to have a look at your child's work. Please remember to chat to us about any concerns that you may have.



TERM 4 OVERVIEW

Where has the year gone? Suddenly we are in Term 4 and discussing topics such as transition, graduation, and end of year activities! Below is a summary of what we will be working on this term.

INQUIRY

Throughout Term 4 our Inquiry topic is Multiculturalism. We will be investigating different cultures, immigration and landscapes. One of our immersion activities is an excursion to the city to do a walking tour of 'Multicultural Melbourne'. As we progress through the term, students will be working on individual projects where they investigate a particular culture and share their learning with the class. We are also looking for community members who have a multicultural background to come and speak to the students about their experiences.

MATHEMATICS

This term we are investigating topics such as applying our knowledge of the four operations (+ - x ÷), decimals, fractions, mass, capacity, volume, shape and transformation. Students are given work tailored to their abilities. They are also encouraged to identify their own strengths and areas for improvement, set goals, extend themselves or seek support, and reflect on their progress.

ENGLISH

Literacy Groups:

Students continue to rotate through different activities over a two week period. They complete comprehension, CAFE Reading, spelling, grammar, writing and Inquiry activities, as well as guided reading with a teacher.

Writing:

We have begun using the 'Seven Steps to Writing Success' as a framework to guide our writing. Students continue to explore and create texts of a variety of genres. Each lesson will often have a particular goal to achieve, whether it is creating a 'sizzling start', editing or using particular vocabulary, rather than trying to produce an entire piece of writing each session. This allows for a more detailed and focused writing experience.

Speaking & Listening:

With so many public speaking opportunities this term, we are having a particular focus on developing Speaking and Listening skills. Students will be preparing oral presentations on different countries and sharing this information with the class in Inquiry, recounting the year that has been (Year 4), preparing speeches as part of their Leadership applications (Year 5), and preparing speeches for Graduation (Year 6), as well as participating in class discussions.

HOMEWORK

It is great to see students continue to work on positive homework habits. Homework is issued on a Friday and is due on a Thursday. Students are expected to read for at least **20 minutes** each school night and record this in their diary. Please help develop a weekly homework routine with your child to avoid a last minute panic. Developing these organisational skills will prepare students for Secondary School.

TRANSITION

This term, our Year 6 students will have the opportunity to experience a day at their future high school. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to begin developing new friendships in preparation for next year, as well as get to know their school campus and staff. Year 6 to Year 7 Transition is on Tuesday December 11th.

Year 6's will also have opportunities to further prepare for Secondary School with class discussions, activities, reflection, Secondary-style lessons, goal setting and further development of organisational skills within our own classrooms.

CAMP

The Year 4 students from 4/5B will be attending camp to Phillip Island from the 28th to 30th of November. Students are beginning to get very excited as the days come closer. Information about camp will come out closer to the date detailing what times students will depart and arrive back at school as well as what they will need to pack. Our parent helpers have been selected and notified. Camp has lots of wonderful activities and opportunities such as Penguin Parade, Churchill Island, giant swing, low ropes course, A'Maze 'N Things and visits to the beach. If your child has anxiety about sleeping away from home, now is an excellent time to prepare them. Please come and see us if you have any concerns or questions.

SPORTS

There are a number of sports days on this term which some students will be participating in.

- Year 5 Indoor Soccer is on Thursday October 25th
- Volleyball Schools' Cup is on Friday November 23rd.

More details will be provided as we get closer to each event.

GRADUATION

Year 6 graduation will take place at Marybrooke Manor on the 12th of December. It is a wonderful evening that celebrates our students and all their achievements over their primary school years. It is sure to be an enjoyable evening with speeches, dinner and lots of dancing for the kids.

We look forward to finishing off a fantastic year.

Holly Schwind, Jemima Hogg & Rosa Boocock

Tuesday October 16

Multiculturalism Excursion

Wednesday October 17

Family Planning Session 2

Tuesday October 23

Kitchen Classroom 5/6H

Wednesday October 24

Kitchen Classroom 5/6S

Thursday October 25

Year 5 Indoor Soccer

Thursday November 8

Kitchen Classroom 4/5B

Friday November 16

Japanese Day

Tuesday November 20

Kitchen Classroom 5/6H

Wednesday November 21

Kitchen Classroom 5/6S

Thursday November 22

Kitchen Classroom 4/5B

Wednesday—Friday 28th—30th

Phillip Island 3/4 Camp

Wednesday December 12

Year 6 Graduation

Friday December 14

House Sports Day

Thursday December 20

Cameo Movie Day/Class Parties

Friday December 21

End of term 1:30pm finish