

TERM 3, 2019

OVERVIEW

GRADES

5/6H & 5/6S

Welcome back for Term 3. We hope you all had fabulous holidays and enjoyed spending time with your families. Hopefully now the weather is on the improve and we can look forward to Spring!

If at any stage this year you have any concerns, PLEASE arrange a time to see us as early as possible. This way we can work together to make the problem go —not grow!



WELCOME BACK!

We hope you had a wonderful break and ready to start Term 3 refreshed and renewed.

INQUIRY

In Term 3 our Inquiry Topic is 'Creativity' and we are investigating this through a unit called 'The New Inventors'. Students will be investigating inventors and inventions, learning about the design process, and coming up with creative ways to solve problems.

MATHEMATICS

In Mathematics this term we are consolidating students' prior knowledge in division, 3D shapes and nets, mapping and grids, decimals and data. We will be utilising real-life examples to demonstrate the relevance of these topics, so that students understand the reason behind and the usefulness of the skills being taught. Our Mathematics lessons will comprise some ability-based group work and some open-ended inquiry tasks.

MATHEMATICS AT HOME

There are many real-world mathematics skills students should be practicing at home. Two very important areas are time and money. Many students would really benefit from further practice telling the time to the minute, particularly on an analogue clock, and working out the passage of time (e.g. if I finish school at 3.30 and have basketball at 5.00, how much time do I have to do my homework and get ready?). Going to the shops is a great opportunity for students to get real life practice in handling money and calculating change.

ENGLISH

This term we will be learning about texts that inform, instruct and entertain. They will continue to consider how their audience might impact their writing as well as solidify grammar concepts learned throughout Semester 1. Students will continue to engage in a variety of activities during reading rotations, including Author Studies, Guided Reading, Text Analysis and Speaking and Listening tasks. We have also been implementing the SMART spelling program in the classroom and students are getting used to the structure of the program.

READING

As children get older and can read independently, their home reading routine can become less of a priority. However, reading should still be an important part of their daily life. Children still love to read together with their family and discuss books even in grade 5 and 6! Here are just some of the reasons reading is so important and the ways that it can have a long-lasting impact on your child's future success:

1. Mental Stimulation
2. Stress Reduction
3. Knowledge
4. Vocabulary Expansion
5. Memory Improvement
6. Stronger Analytical Thinking Skills
7. Better Writing Skills
8. Improves Focus and Concentration
9. Tranquillity
10. Free Entertainment

Source: <https://www.lifehack.org/articles/lifestyle/10-benefits-reading-why-you-should-read-everyday.html>

HOMWORK

During Term 2 we worked on our organisational skills, using our diaries to timetable our after-school activities and then fitting our homework in around them. We encouraged students to find multiple spots during the week to do homework, so that if their usual homework day is disrupted for some reason, they can still get their homework in on time. These routines will help them have a smooth transition to secondary school and we appreciate your support in assisting your child to develop these organisational skills. This term students will have regular weekly homework as well as longer term projects to complete at home.

UNIFORMS

If your child is out of uniform for some reason, please ensure you send a note to your child's teacher so that we know you are aware they are out of uniform. We are starting to see non-uniform items creeping in, and this is not a good example for the rest of the school. Please note that students must wear appropriate clothing to school sporting events, that is black or green shorts and a school shirt (which is generally the school sports shirt we provide).

PRODUCTION

Production roles have been cast and rehearsals are well underway. This year Production will be held in the theatre at Emerald Secondary College on September 18th (Matinee and Evening) and 19th (Evening). More information will come home during the term.

KITCHEN CLASSROOM

Our Kitchen Classroom weeks are week 2 and week 6. 5/6S is on a Tuesday 11.40—1.40 and 5/6H is on a Thursday at the same time. Sign up sheets are outside the classrooms. If you are able to volunteer to help out during these sessions it would be much appreciated.

INCURSIONS

We have two incursions planned this term. The first is with Eastern Regional Libraries, where the students will learn about the resources available to them through the library, and then participate in a STEAM session. This will be on Monday 22nd July. We also have planned a Billy Cart incursion in line with our Inquiry Topic of the New Inventors, on Tuesday August 6th. More information will be coming shortly.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead and please feel free to approach us with any questions or concerns.

Monday July 15

Term 3 Starts

Monday July 22nd

ERL Incursion

Division Football (selected students)

Tuesday July 23rd

5/6S Kitchen Classroom 11.40-1.40

Division Soccer (selected students)

Wednesday July 24th

Division Netball (selected students)

Thursday July 25th

5/6H Kitchen Classroom 11.40-1.40

Thursday August 1st

EDEC Basketball (selected students)

Tuesday August 6th

Billy Cart Incursion

Monday August 19

Book Character Dress Up Day

Wednesday August 21

The Great Book Swap

Tuesday August 20

56S Kitchen Classroom

Thursday August 22

56H Kitchen Classroom

Friday August 30th

Father's Day Stall

Sunday September 8

Working Bee

Wednesday September 11

EDEC Girls Football

Tuesday September 17th

Production Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday September 18th

Division Athletics (selected students)

Production Matinee and Evening Performance

Thursday September 19th

Production Evening Performance

Friday September 20th

Term 3 finishes @ 2.30pm