

Year Five and Six Newsletter: Term 2

Mrs Block, Mrs Rankine & Mrs Pugh

W e l c o m e t o T e r m 2 !

Welcome to Term 2! An incredibly busy term, as is every term. We have a number of exciting events this term including Cross Country, Eagles Cup Interschool Sport, ANZAC celebrations, NAIDOC Week, URSTRONG celebration and Scribblers Festival. Student wellbeing is at the forefront of all we do and a huge passion of the Year 5/6 teachers and this will be particularly important for our Year 5 students with NAPLAN beginning in Week 4. It is also a reporting term. We hope you have appreciated the initial communication from teachers regarding your child's progress. Your continued collaboration has allowed us to set strong goals for each student and we appreciate your time to meet and clarify any queries or concerns that have come from our initial communication. You will see communication regarding progress towards the middle of the term.

T h a n k y o u !

Thank you to a number of parents who have volunteered their time to assist with the curation of the graduation book. We have developed a small committee and have started to collect material. We also greatly appreciate our parent and past student photographers.

T e r m 1 I m p o r t a n t D a t e s

Friday 23rd April – ANZAC Ceremony 2pm

Friday 30th April – Room 11 assembly

Friday 30th April - Bateman Vs. Richmond AWAY

Friday 7th May – Scribblers Festival Excursion

Friday 7th May – Bateman vs. Bicton HOME

Monday 10th May – NAPLAN begins

Friday 14th May - URSTRONG celebration

Thursday 17th June – Faction Cross Country

Monday 28th June – BPS NAIDOC Week

Wednesday 30th June – NAIDOC incursion

C o m m u n i c a t i o n

Email is the best way to communicate with us. If you have an urgent message for your child please call through the office.

When students enter in the morning our complete focus is on them and ensuring they are settled and ready for the day. If you would like to meet with the teacher to discuss your child, please arrange a meeting so that we can give you our undivided attention.

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N e w s F r o m M i s s B : E a g l e s C u p I n t e r s c h o o l S p o r t

With our first round of the Eagles Cup taking place in Week 2, we are currently looking for parent volunteers to assist with the umpiring of games and the coaching of our Bateman teams.

The Eagles Cup takes place every Friday afternoon (apart from two byes) during Term 2, either at Bateman Primary or at another local school in our MDISSA district. The sports that we compete in are Netball, AFL and Soccer. (We have one AFL team, two Soccer teams and three Netball teams.)

Parent volunteers would be required to travel to either Bateman Primary or to another school by their own transport and if possible, be available for the full term.

If you are available to volunteer your time, please contact Miss B or Mrs Block by email as soon as possible.

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Curriculum

English

Bateman delivers a whole school approach to writing using Talk for Writing. The writing produced in Term 1 was outstanding and gave us a great baseline to set goals for student growth throughout the year. Term 2 will see us complete 2 x 4 week units and 1 x 2 week unit throughout the term. We are currently finishing off our persuasive texts from last term and will then move to a focus of developing settings within narratives. We will then complete a 2 week poetry unit and finish the term looking at informative texts. As in Term 1, our reading and grammar will be integrated throughout our writing program.

Maths

At the end of Term 1, a student survey was conducted to gauge the social and emotional impact of our Maths class structure. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. All but 3 students said they were challenged, felt comfortable, enjoyed the class structure and maintained a relatively positive attitude towards Maths. Overwhelmingly our girls communicated that they felt more comfortable to contribute, they weren't afraid to get answers wrong and they felt less intimidated in their Maths class from previous years. We will continue with our current structure for the foreseeable future, as we continue to monitor student progress and emotional wellbeing.

Health

Term 2 will see us wrap up our whole-school URSTRONG program ending with a celebration in Week 4. It is important to note that this celebration is to showcase learning and skill gained by students. It is not the end of the program, rather USTRONG is ongoing and will be revisited throughout the year. We will transition into MindUp Curriculum from Week 4. MindUp Curriculum will be delivered in classrooms and directed by the classroom teacher.

HASS

In the first few weeks we are wrapping up our History units and transitioning into Civics and Citizenship for the remainder of the term. Students will remain in current class structures, Year 6 with Mrs Block and Year 5 with Mrs Rankine.

Design Technologies

Design Technologies will be completed in class groups. We are developing an understanding of the design process and design challenges. Design challenges will be completed over a two week period and involves students building boats, bridges, ziplines and tables. Students will complete 3 x 90min cooking and garden sessions this term with Alison Cribb.

Parent Volunteers Needed

We are seeking 3 parent volunteers to attend our Scribblers Festival Excursion on Friday the 7th of May. We will be back at school to host a home game for our Eagles Cup interschool carnival against Bicton.

Materials Needed

We are asking for donations of plastic and carton milk/juice containers for an upcoming design technologies project. Please ensure cartons and bottles are rinsed thoroughly and dried before sending to the classroom.

Cross Country Training

Cross country training will commence shortly on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 3-3:30pm. We ask that parents collect their child/ren no later than 3:30pm and please contact us if you will be late. All students are to be collected from Adams Street unless stated on the permission note that your child is walking home.