

Year Five and Six Newsletter: Term 3

Mrs Block, Mrs Rankine & Mrs Pugh

Welcome to Term 3!

- This is our most favourite term. Students are settled, we dive into Geography, it's time to use the robots, along with Athletics, Interschool Games and our all time favourite...Growth and Development!
- Please stay tuned for more communication regarding growth and development, beginning in Week 5.
- Year 6 students will begin fundraising for their end of year gift to the school.
- We are very excited to begin reading groups and novel study in our classrooms this term.
- Students will engage in a 1 hr session a week of 'Genius Hour'
- Genius Hour is an independent study program where students have the ability to engage in a topic of interest while developing their research, questioning and referencing skills.
- We look at the multiple intelligences to discover what type of learner we are and discover a way in which students can use those skills and apply them to any learning experience.
- We look forward to sharing these projects with you in the future.

Term 3 Important Dates

Leadership team meetings EVEN weeks 8:15am

Thursday 29th July – Book Week Dress Up Parade

Friday 30th July – Cross Country Training @ Brentwood

Week 3 and 4 – Swimming Lessons

Tuesday 3rd August – Interschool Cross Country Carnival

Thursday 5th August – Hockey Carnival

Tuesday 17th August – Growth and Development lessons begin

Wednesday 8th September – Parent Open Night

Monday 13th September – Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 14th September – Faction Jumps and Throws

Friday 17th September – Faction Athletics Carnival

Communication

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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Room 12 – Mrs Rankine (Miss Hawgood)

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Uniform

Uniform standards among 5/6 students have started to slip. Students have been spoken to as a whole group and reminded of uniform standards. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform items and that items are clearly labelled.

Stationery

As we are half way through the year, students stationery supplies are very low. A number of students have exhausted their 'spare supplies' provided at the beginning of the year and do not have the staple items they need to get through the day. Please check with your child if they need to replace any items.

Semester 1 Work Samples

As we were missing a significant number of students in Week 11 of last term, we did not send home art folders and work samples for your child to share with you. Students enjoy sharing the amazing work they have completed in class. Please feel free to pop in and have a look at everything we have been working on! We look forward to sharing our learning with you at Parent Open Night.

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Curriculum

English

- Bateman delivers a whole school approach to writing using Talk for Writing.
- Term 3 will see us complete 2 x 4 week units and 1 x 2 week unit throughout the term.
- We are focusing on developing suspense within narratives and creating recounts.
- We will then complete a 2 week poetry unit.
- Our reading and grammar will be integrated throughout our writing program.
- We are starting reading groups within each class. Groups will study a novel throughout the term and work through reading comprehension strategies as they navigate the text. Students may be asked to take home their novel to catch up on reading.

Maths

- We will continue with our current structure for the foreseeable future, as we continue to monitor student progress and emotional wellbeing.
- Early testing of student number fact knowledge has shown significant growth since Term 1.
- Identified students will continue to work on number fact knowledge with homework tasks and small group intervention.
- Mathematics is not being accessed as much as we would like. Please encourage your child to log on once a week to complete tasks. Teachers assign new tasks relevant to the topics covered in class for students to consolidate and master concepts learnt in class.

Health

- Term 3 will see us begin with 4 weeks of Protective Behaviours.
- We will be starting our Growth and Development program with the Year 5 and 6 students in Week 5.
- We will be covering the topics of growth and development as outlined in the curriculum, focusing on the changes that occur during puberty.
- Sophie Bruinsma will be taking the Year 6 boys, Jordan Block will be taking the Year 5 and 6 girls and Gill Pugh will be taking the Year 5 boys for the five health lessons. We will also cover topics of positive body image, positive self-esteem and mental health.
- Closer to this date, we will provide parents with resources to assist discussions with your child.

HASS

- In Term 3 we move into Geography. Students will remain in current class structures, Year 6 with Mrs Block and Year 5 with Mrs Rankine.

Digital Technologies

- Digital Technologies will be completed in class groups.
- We are developing an understanding of digital systems and the hardware, software and peripheral devices that make these systems work.
- Students will explore the incredible robots that the school has to offer and will compete in our Robot Olympics. Students will make informed choices about which robot best suits their task.

Materials Needed

Year 5 Students are asked to collect jars for an upcoming Geography project. Jars need to be between 500ml and 1L. Please bring these in to Mrs Rankine.