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**Term 4 - 2020**

Dear Parents / Carers,

2020 is coming to a close! A busy and emotional term is ahead as we farewell Year 6 and prepare Year 5 for their final year of primary school.

Below is a breakdown of some of the activities for Term 4:

Week 1: Welcome back!

Week 2: Book Week (19-23/10/2020)

 Book Week Parade (20/10/2020)

 Book Drive ($5- $15 donations to library, 20/10/2020)

Week 4: Mini Fete (06/11/2020)

Week 5: NAIDOC Week

Kindy Buddy Orientation

Week 6: State of Origin, Teachers v Students; Round 2

Week 7: Prefect Candidate Speeches (24/11/2020)

Week 8: High School Orientation (01/12/2020)

Week 9: Reports Home (07/12/2020)

Presentation Day (10/12/2020)

 State of Origin, Teachers v Students; Round 3

Week 10: Year 6 Farewell Dinner (14/12/2020)

 Last Day of 2020 (16/12/2020)

 Year 6 Farewell Archway (16/12/2020)

\*\* Due to COVID, events are student only. Parents will be updated when restrictions are lifted.

**Time table**

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|  | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** |
| **6M** | Music | Library Scripture | Mandarin |   | School SportAssembly- even weeks |
| **5/6L** | Music | Music Scripture |  MandarinLibrary |  |
| **5B** | Mandarin | Music Scripture |  | Library  |
| **5S** | Library | Music Scripture |  | Mandarin |

**English**

Reading: Students read for 15-25 minutes each day in class and should supplement this with another 20 minutes at home. We will also be teaching comprehension, with a particular focus on Super 6 strategies, to assist our understanding.

Writing: Students will develop their writing skills with a focus on imaginative and information texts, as well as being introduced to poetry. They will be given opportunities to engage in writing 2-3 times a week. Support and extension opportunities will be provided within the classroom throughout the term.

**Maths**

This term, we will be continuing to develop our skills in whole number, measurement and area. Year 6 students will be introduced to new concepts in Cartesian planes, angles, fractions, patterns and algebra, as Year 5 will challenge themselves with new content in patterns and algebra, and fractions and decimals. All classes with have a focus on extending students’ understanding through problem solving challenges. Each lesson is differentiated and consistent across all classes, and allows individual needs to be met at all stages of their learning.

**Science**

This term, Stage 3 will be starting on our new unit on Material World. Student outcomes will allow them to delve into new information and present and explore their understanding through an inquiry-based unit of work.

**Personal Development/Health/Physical Education**

Our PDH units continue to develop students’ understanding of making informed, healthy and safe decisions. Students will be taught about the dangers and risks that surround a range of situations, and strategies that enable them to confidently stand by their decisions.

**History/Geography**

Students will look at how do people influence places and the management of spaces within them as well as thinking critically and problem solving how can the impact of bushfires on people and places be reduced.

**Homework**

Homework will be distributed weekly starting in Week 1, with spelling uploaded to google classroom. Each week students have an option to complete a selection of tasks, as well as being provided with set recommended Mathletics.

On top of the compulsory and recommended tasks, students will have an opportunity to engage in ‘working beyond’ work. Homework is signed off in our homework booklet, which will allow teachers to track homework over the term, as well as provide an opportunity for parents to communicate any issues students may have with the homework on the ‘Communication’ page.

**Equipment**

Please make sure that your child always comes to school in full school uniform. This includes black shoes, grey socks and a hat. All students are expected to wear the broad brim or bucket hats. Please ensure that all personal items are labelled with your child’s name.

**21st Century Learning**

Stage 3 will continue using Chromebooks, laptops, iPads, Google Classroom and Google Docs to complete various class activities. We will explore Google Apps and Microsoft Office to broaden students’ ability to engage in their work, in particular how data in excel can be manipulated to represent bias and how to identify fact manipulation in the media.

**End of year Celebrations**

As we say congratulations to our Year 6 students, it is important that we are able to say farewell and thank you for everything they have done over the past 7 years. Invitations and information will be distributed later in the term, outlining specific details about our graduation and farewell. Whilst keeping COVID-Safe, we will be putting on a dinner on Monday evening of the last week (December 14th). Year 5 and 6 will be invited, and cost of entry (approximately $20-30) will cover costs of food and decorations.

Looking forward to an exciting, emotional and fun term 4!

Kind regards,

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