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Term 1 - 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Stage 3, 2021. We're looking forward to an exciting year, starting off with a very busy Term 1!

- Week 1: Form new classes (29/01)
- Week 2: Text book sales (03/02)
Swimming Carnival (04/02)
- Week 6: Stage 3 Fundraiser (02/03)
PSSA Begins (05/03)
- Week 7: Zone swimming (09/03)
Selective High School Test (11/03)
- Week 10: Canberra Camp (29-31/03)
Easter Hat Parade (01/04)

Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5B	Library Mandarin		Music		PSSA / school Sport Assembly-even weeks
5/6M	Library Mandarin		Music		
6LK	Music		Mandarin	Library	
6S	Music		Library Mandarin		
All Classes		Scripture	Sport		

English

Speaking and Listening: Students will be preparing speeches to develop their skills in preparation of the school public speaking competition later this year. Throughout Term 1, they will have opportunities to engage in less formal speaking and listening tasks.

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 explicitly teaching comprehension strategies, with a particular focus on Super 6 strategies, to assist our reading and understanding.

Writing: During writing lessons, students will be engaging in imaginative texts, with a focus on narratives. During these lessons, students will deconstruct a number of mentor texts, in order to broaden their understanding of the purpose, features and structure of the narrative text type. Students will also be creating their own narratives in response to a number of stimuli.

Novel Study: In Term 1, students in Stage 3 are conducting a literature analysis on the book 'Ghost In My Suitcase' by Gabrielle Wang. The text explores the themes of family, grief and loss, journey and good vs evil and broadens the student's views of world cultures.

Mathematics

This term, we will be developing our skills in Number and Algebra, Geometry and Measurement, as well as Statistics and Probability. Each lesson is differentiated and consistent across all four Stage 3 classes. Lessons allow students' needs to be met at all stages of their learning by setting high expectations with challenging and structured content in order to develop their problem solving and working mathematically skills.

Parents are encouraged to challenge their children's number skills at home and complete their Mathematics work set for homework. To assist in your child's learning, parent resources can be found online on our school's website.

Mr. Skinner and Mr. Lister will be welcomed into the classrooms throughout the term, to assist in delivering exciting lessons that challenge and engage students in problem solving.

Science

This term, Stage 3 will be focusing on developing their understanding and use of technology to develop new ways that technology can assist in their learning and be used to solve real world problems. These skills will transfer into all other key learning areas, as well as teach the skills needed to tackle inquiry-based units of work throughout the year. We will also be looking at the physical world and the power of electricity!

Creative Arts

Throughout the term in visual arts, students will be introduced to the art technique of perspective. Throughout this term students will learn to create an illusion of three-dimensions (depth and space) on a two-dimensional (flat) surface. We will also briefly look at how artists use art to depict

significant events in history. Drama, music and dance will be explored with Mrs Power, building up to a whole school performance later in the year.

Personal Development/Health/Physical Education

Programmed fitness and sport throughout the year will support PSSA programs, as well as our swimming, athletics and cross-country carnivals. Classes will take opportunities to be active within their own timetables and the explicit teaching of fundamental movement skills will take place on Wednesday afternoons. During PE, Stage 3 will be developing their physical skills of catching, vertical jump, kicking and overarm throw, by engaging in a variety of games and sports in a rotational setting. These lessons will also have a focus on developing student's values and attitudes as sports people. Our PDH unit for this term will involve learning about making healthy and safe decisions as part of our Healthy Living unit.

History/Geography

Through learning about Australian government, students will continue to explore the significance of people, groups, places and Australia as a nation. Students will explore the factors that led to Federation and trace experiences of democracy and citizenship over time, including the struggles of various groups for rights and freedoms including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Team Teaching

This year 5/6M and 5B have the exciting opportunity to engage in a collaborative classroom setting. Starting in Term One, literacy and numeracy will be taught within the two individual classrooms. During science, history, PD/H/PE and CAPA lessons, 5B and 5/6M will have an open classroom, where students will be taught by both Miss Martin and Mr Bird, utilising the expertise and resources of both rooms. Further information will be provided at the 'Meet the Teacher' evening.

Homework

Homework will be distributed Week 3. Each fortnight, students have an option to complete a selection of tasks, as well as being provided with set recommended Mathletics. New words will be available to view the Monday of each week. On top of the optional and recommended tasks, students are expected to read daily, complete a speaking tasks and research tasks. Homework can be completed online or in a homework book. Regardless of their preferred submission type, at the completion of their homework your child must bring their homework booklet in to their teacher, which has been checked and signed by a parent.

Equipment

Please make sure that your child always comes to school in full school uniform and all of their equipment is clearly labelled. This includes black shoes and a hat. All students are expected to

wear the school broad-brim hat. Please ensure that all personal items are labelled with your child's name.

It is important that all students come to school fully equipped to participate in the classroom activities. Stationery requirements have been carefully listed to ensure your child is engaged and productive in all lessons. Throughout the year, stationery items will need to be replaced as items are used daily and can be worn out or lost.

21st Century Learning

This year, Stage 3 will be using Chromebooks, laptops, iPads, Google Classroom and Google Docs to complete various activities in class and at home. We will be expanding and developing student's understanding, whilst exploring the skills required to efficiently and safely navigate technology.

Please contact us regarding any concerns on 9913 7077.

Kind regards,

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