

5/6 Term 1 Newsletter, 2023



Message from the classroom

Welcome back to all our families. What a great start of term it has been with students entering the classrooms with big smiles on their face and eager to learn! In the first two weeks, our 5/6 students focused on the start up program where teachers and students established our classroom routines, school values as well as talking about classroom expectations. All learning programs began Week 3 and we cannot wait to share the fabulous work of all our students.

Visual Arts

Students are looking at the way traditional masks such as those used in La Commedia d'Arte exaggerate facial features to convey emotion. They are designing and creating a mask of their own.

Italian

Students will be revising the names of family members. They will identify the journey their ancestors made to get to Australia and their country of origin. Students will also investigate how Italians celebrate Easter and express understanding of Italian culture and traditions.

Performing Arts

In grade 5/6 the children will focus on applying acting, direction, design elements and stagecraft in performance spaces as well as rehearsing, and refining performances to communicate ideas and meaning to an audience. The children will use their voice, movement, gesture, performance and expressive skills and techniques to communicate ideas and meaning to an audience.

Reminders

- All students must wear a hat outside throughout Term One.
- Please make sure you are signing into **Compass** to get the latest school updates, communicate to the school community, mark students absent, etc.
- Please keep up to date with all the activities in our classrooms by checking in on **Seesaw**.
- If you are having any issues with Compass or Seesaw, please make contact with the school at your earliest convenience for assistance.
- Please make sure your children are complying with our school uniform policy which can be found on the school's website.

PE

PE Students will be working on athletics skills in an attempt to make the athletics team. There will also be distance running and soccer skills.

Important Dates

- 14th - 27th March - NAPLAN testing
- Monday 13th March - Labour Day Public Holiday
- Meet and Greet dates will be on Tuesday 21st of February and Wednesday the 22nd at 3.30pm-5.00pm

In Our Classrooms



Reading

We will begin our year's learning journey by getting our knowledge ready and exploring various fiction texts.

The children will be building a reading community, learning how to identify 'good fit' books, discovering who they are as readers and taking the time to read for enjoyment.

Maths

In Term 1 in Maths, we will be focusing on Place Value. Concrete materials such as MAB blocks will be used to visualise ones, tens and hundreds. For warm ups, we are introducing number talks which give an opportunity for students to explain their mental thinking and share their own strategies.

SEA

In S.E.A, (Social and Emotional Awareness), students will focus on 'Growth Mindset' and use this to make connections to our school values. Students will learn to express their emotions, embrace our school's diverse culture and learn how to implement mindfulness practices daily.

Writing

We will begin the term by exploring the structure of a narrative and its purpose. Students will start by brainstorming their ideas and will be encouraged to develop their ideas into a plan introducing their characters and the setting to keep their audience interested. Students will proceed by developing their narratives by adding more complex vocabulary and interesting sentence openers.

STEM

This term in STEM, the students will be learning about the purpose behind designs in agriculture and life. They will be focusing on why we use certain devices like irrigation systems and evaluate their suitabilities. Students will design their own water transportation systems through research and experimentation.