

# 5/6 Term 3 Newsletter, 2024



## Message from the classroom

What a great start to Term 3! Students have settled in nicely and are eager and ready to learn. This term our Year 5 and 6 students will have the very exciting opportunity to attend Year 5/6 Camp. We are looking forward to this and know all who attend will have a fantastic experience! Year 5's will be taking part in the leadership program to start preparing them for their upcoming role as the school leaders in 2025. The Year 6's will be finishing off their work in the leadership program where they will be working together on a catering challenge.

## STEM

In Term Three, students will be guided through the process of designing and building their own arcade game made out of cardboard. Each lesson will introduce key concepts and provide hands-on activities that build toward the final project. By the end of the unit, students will understand basic principles of engineering, design, and mechanics, and will have created a functional arcade game.

## Italian

Students will be introduced to the story 'Mangia, mangia' (Eat, eat) revising the names of family members and identifying various names of foods in Italian, classifying them into Colazione, Merenda, Pranzo and Cena. They will also revise the letters and sounds of the Italian alphabet and numbers up to 100.

## PE

In PE this term, Grade 5&6 students will establish skills in Basketball, Gymnastics and Skipping. More specifically, they will apply attacking and defensive dribbling and passing skills in a game as well as learning game rules. Students will develop holistic lifelong learning through movement and physical activity as part of Physical Literacy and engage in student agency and leadership while mentoring younger students. They will experience activities and discussions associated with the Olympic games.

## Reminders

- Please make sure your child is arriving to school on time. Gates open at 8:40am for students to enter the classroom at 8:50am. Formal lessons begin at 9am sharp.
- Please make sure you are signing into **Compass** to get the latest school updates, communicate to the school, pay for excursions and to record any absences.
- Please keep up to date with all the activities in our classrooms on **Seesaw**.
- If your child brings a mobile phone to school, it must be signed in at the office.
- Please make sure your children are complying with our school uniform policy which can be found on the school's website.

## Visual Art

In Term Three students will explore a variety of different skills including drawing, painting and printmaking, as well as completing guided tasks to learn techniques. They will have the opportunity to apply the skills they have learned to create a 2-dimensional piece of their own choosing.

## Important Dates

- **Leigh Hobbs author visit in Book Week:** Tuesday the 20th August
- **Book Week Dress Up Day:** Friday the 23rd of August
- **Year 5/6 Camp:** 9th-11th of September

# In Our Classrooms



## Reading

This term in reading, students will learn to make inferences and focus on cause and effect. Students will also explore the work of Leigh Hobbs by reading and comparing and contrasting different texts. Students will be encouraged to continue reading independently during independent reading time and practise their personal goals and record this in their reading books.

## Maths

This term in Maths, students will develop their understanding of multiplication and division by applying these in activities that include games and real-world investigations. Concepts students will be exposed to include area multiplication, arrays, factors, prime numbers and exponential numbers. Students will also be learning to construct 3D shapes in geometry and calculate probability in chance-based experiments.

## SEL

In S.E.L., (Social and Emotional Learning), students will be continuing to develop their 'Ready to Learn Plans'. Students will continue to develop their ability to tune into their readiness to learn and review their regulation strategies that supports them to be in the optimal state for learning.

## Writing

This term in Writing, students will be learning how to write an explanation text. Students will be focusing on structure and cause and effect language to help explain how something works. Students will continue to build their vocabulary to uplevel their writing by researching synonyms and identifying the meaning of unknown words.

## ICT

This term in ICT, students will be continuing to work towards achieving their eSmart Digital Licence. The eSmart Digital Licence is an online cyber safety program that teaches upper primary aged students critical digital skills to be smart, safe and responsible online. They will work their way through four modules in their fortnightly ICT lessons in order to achieve it.

## Health

This term, students in Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in the Health and Human Development Program. Students will learn about how the human body changes both physically and emotionally during puberty. This program is aligned with the curriculum to prepare students for the transition phase of their human development.