

5/6 Term 4 Newsletter, 2024



Message from the classroom

What a great start to Term 4! Students have settled in nicely and are eager to get into the last term of the year! This term our Year 5 and 6 students will have many exciting events to look forward to such as the Splash and Dash fundraiser, Epping Primary School's 150th anniversary celebration, the annual end of year school community celebration and our end of year Funfields excursion. Year 5 students will be completing their leadership program by taking part in the catering challenge and Year 6 students will be preparing for their Graduation.

STEM

In Term Four, students will be learning about forces and how to build certain machines that utilise those forces. The aim for this term is to explore simple machines and how they make tasks easier, fostering critical thinking and hands-on problem-solving. Students will engage in practical activities, designing, building, and testing models of simple machines.

PE

In Term Four, students will learn about basic first aid and how to call 000 in an emergency. This includes checking for breathing and how to safely remove dangers along with giving chest compressions and how to use an AED following DRSABCD. They will hit a ball in Bat Tennis and Rounders while mastering scoring and game rules. They will build strategies for game sense in teams. Students will focus on playing points to win and moving their feet to ensure the shot could be played to the best of their ability. Students will score their Bat Tennis game following the 0-15-30-40 rule. Students will engage in other striking based activities such as hockey, golf and cricket along with a unit on dance.

Italian

In Term Four, students will be introduced to La Lingua Italiana Espressiva (The Expressive Italian Language) identifying many expressions within the language using 'idioms'.

Important Dates

- **Splash and Dash:** Thursday 24th October
- **Leadership catering challenge open classroom:** Thursday 28th November 2:30-3:30pm
- **Epping Primary School 150th Anniversary celebration:** Saturday 7th December
- **Epping Primary School family celebration night:** Wednesday 11th December
- **Funfields excursion:** Friday 13th December
- **Year 6 Graduation:** Wednesday 18th December

Visual Art

In Term Four, students will complete unfinished projects, using appropriate materials and techniques to create visual effects. The Art Show will be happening in December. Students will choose artwork and prepare it for display, including signing their work and giving it a title. The Art Show will give them the opportunity to consider how effectively they have conveyed their ideas through their own artwork, as well as responding to the work of other students.

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.

In Our Classrooms



Reading

In Reading, students will be encouraged to continue reading independently practising their personal goals. They will analyse and interpret information in both media and written text. Students will be encouraged look for evidence in texts to justify thinking and reasoning.

Maths

This term in Maths, students will develop their understanding of shape, transformations, fractions, probability and angles by applying these in activities that include games and real-world investigations. Concepts students will be exposed to include constructing 3D shapes, flips, slides and turns of shapes, probability of events occurring, naming and identifying angles, drawing fractions, identifying equivalent fractions, counting by fractions, naming decimals and turning decimals into fractions.

SEL

In S.E.L., (Social and Emotional Learning), students will continue to implement their 'Ready to Learn Plans' by using their strategies. Students will look at emotions and how to navigate through these in the next phase of their human development.

Writing

This term in Writing, students will be learning how to write a persuasive text. Students will be focusing on structure and identifying plausible arguments for why someone should be persuaded to their opinion. Students will continue to build their vocabulary to uplevel their writing by including persuasive language and incorporating various persuasive techniques.

Inquiry

In Inquiry, students will be investigating geographical locations by exploring Australia, focusing on states, territories and capital cities before moving on to other countries.

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.