

5/6 Term 2 Newsletter



Message from the teachers. Welcome back to school for Term 2! We hope that you all had a restful holiday break and are as excited as we are to start the new term. During this term, many of our students will be involved in the tutoring program and the grade 5's will be completing their NAPLAN testing during weeks 4 and 5. Winter sports have started for interschool sport and our students continue to build on their skills to become responsible leaders of the school. We would like to remind you that students need to be in the correct uniform. If you have any questions regarding uniform, please talk to any of the 5/6 teachers or Mrs. McKenzie.

Italian: Students will be working on the topic: 'il tempo libero' (leisure/hobbies), focusing on developing pronunciation, while using grammatical knowledge to interpret and create meaning in Italian.

Performing Arts: In Performing Arts students will develop their ukulele skills by learning about chords and will also expand their rhythmic vocabulary.

PE: In PE students will be doing some distance running along with football, soccer and volleyball skills. 5/6 sport will continue with our winter sports -, netball, soccer & volleyball.

Visual Arts: Students will be exploring techniques used by artists to create visual effects. They will be developing their drawing and painting skills to create a 2D artwork

Important Dates & Reminders

25 April - ANZAC Day

28 April - School photos

3 May - Italian Day G'brook

5 May - Italian Day High St

8 May - Mother's Day

4 May - Cross Country

10 - 20 May - NAPLAN (Grade 5's)

6 June - Professional Practice Day
(no school for students)

14 June - Public Holiday: Queen's Birthday. No school.

16 June - Night of the Notables (TBC)

Classroom Curriculum



English During Term 2, students will be learning about a broad range of literature and text types. Student will explore and develop their learning through reading and writing persuasive and biographical texts and poetry. Students will be working on biographies of their notable Australians which will form part of their presentation for our Night of the Notables. Students will continue to use the CAFE Reading Workshop to develop reading goals with their teachers that are individualised to their learning needs. We will continue to encourage students to develop a passion for reading through our daily classroom sustained reading.

Maths In Term 2 we will be focussing on many different aspects of maths. We will start with chance and data and graphing. Students will then look at fractions and decimals. The term will finish with a focus on measurement and geometry, including 3D shapes and angles. Students will have the opportunity to explore these topics in a variety of ways including group work, teacher focus groups, hands on activities and plenty of opportunities to practise their skills and demonstrate their understanding.

Inquiry We have a lot going on in Inquiry this term. We will be covering geography and Australian history, with a particular focus on the impacts notable Australians have had on Australian culture and society. This will culminate in our Night of the Notables where students can share their hard work and their understanding with their families and the school community. To start the term, students will undertake a mini-project comparing Australia to another country. This will assist them to develop their research skills in preparation for their major project.

SEA In the Social and Emotional Awareness program, students are expanding on their social and emotional knowledge and awareness. We will start the term with identifying our personal strengths. We will then look at positive coping strategies to help students be successful both personally and academically. Our focus on gratitude will help students to develop positive wellbeing and greater resilience. Towards the end of the term we will look at coping with feelings of anger and making positive choices.