

# 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. Kirkright.

## Italian

Students will be revising the greetings in Italian, looking at Italy geographically with a focus on various places and learning about Italian grammar rules.

## Performing Arts

In Performing Arts students will begin rehearsing for our school production "Goldilocks & the Three Bears" and will look at character studies, choreography and how to prepare an audition.

## PE

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

## Visual Arts.

Students will be exploring how the elements of art (colour, line, texture) and imagery can be used by the artist to express emotion.

## Important Dates & Reminders

**23 April** - ANZAC Day Service

**26 April** - School photos

**27 & 29 April** - Italian Day

**3 May** - Mother's Day

**5 May** - Cross Country

**11 - 21 May** - NAPLAN (Grade 5's)

**24 May** - Young Leaders Conference

**26 May** - Curriculum Day (no school for students)

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

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## 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 narrative texts and poetry. Later in the term, students will also look more closely at the genre of nonfiction, in particular: information and procedural texts. Students will continue to use the CAFE Reading Workshop to develop reading goals with their teachers that are individualised to their learning needs.

## Maths

In Term 2 learning will have a strong focus on multiplication and division. Students will explore the different ways that these mathematical problems can be delivered and solved, including worded problems. Students will also explore and develop their knowledge of angles, perimeter and diameter and finally, data collection and representation. Teachers plan for maths lessons to be relatable to real world situations to help build confidence and day to day mathematical awareness.

## Inquiry

The 5/6 students will have a lot to learn for inquiry during Term 2, as we cover 2 subjects. For the first half of the term students will be looking at Colonial Australian History focussing on how and why Australia was colonised. For the second half of the term we will be focusing on the Earth and its surroundings with a focus on natural disasters. Students will be given the opportunity to learn about the causes and effects of natural disasters and be able to show their learning through research, critical thinking and collaboration.

## SEA

In SEA students are expanding on their social and emotional knowledge and awareness. During Term 2 students are focusing on being kind to themselves and others, to be mindful in their behaviours, attitudes, thoughts and movements, to have self-awareness of thoughts and emotions and to express and share gratitude. Students are continuing to learn how to manage feelings, manage friendships and solve problems. These are essential life skills needed to manage ourselves, relate to others, resolve conflict, and feel positive about ourselves and the world around us.