

5/6 Term 1 Newsletter, 2025



Message from the classroom

Welcome back to all our families! We've had a fantastic start to the term, with students arriving in the classrooms full of smiles and enthusiasm for learning. During the first two weeks, our Year 5/6 students participated in the Start-Up Program, where they worked with their teachers to establish classroom routines, reinforce our school values, and discuss expectations. We are excited to see and celebrate the amazing work our students will produce!

STEM

Throughout Term 1, students will be learning about the different aspects of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). They will learn about and implement the 4 C's (Collaboration, Communication, Creativity and Critical Thinking).

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.

PE

This term, students are developing their skills in preparation for the upcoming Sporting events (dates will be confirmed via Compass). They will be practicing a range of track and field events. During class. Interschool sports begins on Friday, February 14th.

Reminders

- All students must wear a hat outside throughout Term One.
- Please make sure all items of your child's school uniform have their name written clearly on it.
- 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 contact 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.

Visual Art

Students will be looking at silhouettes of faces and creating their own self-portrait illustration. They will be thinking of words to describe themselves and using watercolours to add colour to their artwork.

Important Dates

- Monday 10th March - Labour Day/ Public Holiday
- Tues 14th - Wed 15th February- Meet and Greet
- Naplan for year 5s only March 2025- More information will be sent via Compass.

In Our Classrooms



Reading

Students will learn how to identify 'good fit' books, explore their reading preferences, and develop a love for reading. They will revisit various reading strategies while strengthening their encoding and decoding skills. As part of their literacy block, students will also continue to refine their spelling and focus on reading with fluency and accuracy.

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 continuing to use number talks to give an opportunity to for students to explain their mental thinking and share their own strategies.

SEL

In Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), students will explore connections to our school values. They will learn to express their emotions, appreciate our school's diverse culture, and incorporate mindfulness practices. Additionally, they will set individual learning goals and brainstorm strategies to support their learning journey.

Writing

We will begin the term by revising the structure of a narrative and its purpose. We will explore each part of a narrative (orientation, rising action, problem, falling action, resolution) in depth, focusing on language to develop each students' individual vocabulary. Students will then use this knowledge to write their own narrative with a main focus on the 'craft' of writing.

ICT

This term, students will be participating in fortnightly ICT lessons. Students will be learning about how to be private and secure, how to develop online boundaries and how to be respectful when communicating with others online.