

Senior Syndicate Newsletter: Term 2 2015

Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2, 2015.

Please find outlined below a general idea of what your children will be learning in their classes this term.

Literacy: In oral language we have a focus on building and gaining confidence to speak to an audience.

In writing students will be learning to write independently for sustained periods of time. They will learn to be selective and record thoughts, feelings and ideas clearly to write on a variety of subjects. We will continue to focus on planning, drafting and re-crafting in their writing. Students at this level will be responding to feedback and thinking about where to next in their own learning.

In reading our students will continue to examine and think about the messages, themes and atmosphere authors create in a story. They will also be learning to skim read for key words when researching.

Our spelling focus will continue for those on List 1 - 7 to learn through their homework programme the words at their level.

(Year 5, List 1 - 5, Year 6 List 1 - 6).

Maths: After looking at data gathered from term 1 the focus may be different in each class due to differentiated needs of the students. The focus will be on students learning and understanding the quickest strategy to use when solving word problems in the areas of addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, or fractions and decimals. We will also focus on the area of need in knowledge. It is important your child knows their basic addition and subtraction facts, times tables and division with quick recall. Our strand focus will be in Geometry around position, orientation and transformation.

Inquiry: This term we are focussing on the Kiwi, A.N.Z.A.C. and Sustainability as a future focus. Classes will look at different aspects of the three.

PE/ Fitness/ and Health: Our focus is ball control, catching and trapping, passing and throwing skills. Our Wellsford sports challenge will be focused around, Netball, Rugby, Soccer, Hockey and Basketball.

It is a requirement that the students participate in P.E. as part of the curriculum. They will also need to bring a change of clothes, shorts and a basic T-shirt for P.E. (Wednesday 11.30am - 12.30am.)

Home Learning: It is expected your child is reading every night for at least 20 - 30 minutes. This may include library books, newspaper, magazines and Reading Eggs. Students will also be required to learn their spelling words, practise and learn their times tables and replay in Maths whizz. Notebooks will go home on a Monday and returned to school with your signature on the Friday.

Camp dates 2015: The venue for the Senior Syndicate Camp will be Marsden Point Christian Camp. It will be held in term 4 from the 18th - 20th November. The cost of the camp is \$140.00 and payments can be made to the office. Automatic payments can also be set up through the office.

It is important to talk to your child about their learning, as they should be able to tell you what they are learning at school. If they are unsure feel free to touch base with your child's teacher.

Regards

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