

Year 4  
April, 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 2 and what a busy one lies ahead of us: Cross Country, Athletics Carnival, Dance Fever, Reports and much, much more.

We just wanted to let you know what is going to be happening in our classrooms this term:

- As part of our English programme, the students will be engaging in persuasive writing and exploring a variety of poetry forms, such as rhyming couplets, quatrains, cinquains and limericks, before attempting to create their own poetry booklet.
- HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) is a new Key Learning Area, which integrates the subjects of Geography, History and Civics and Citizenship. This term in Civics, we will be exploring the three levels of Government in Australia. The children will be learning about the role and responsibilities of each level and how they contribute to community life.
- In Geography, we are continuing to compare aspects of the two continents, South America and Africa, and their types of natural vegetation and native animals. We will also be concentrating on mapping skills and learning how to use atlases.
- This term in History, we will be examining the journeys of early 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century explorers, specifically: Dirk Hartog, Abel Tasman, William Dampier and Captain Cook.
- In Maths, we shall be concentrating on the four operations with large numbers, times tables, fractions and decimals, interpreting data, problem solving, time, perimeter and area of 2-D shapes.
- In Religion, the main focus question for our unit is 'How can relationships heal our world?' This is to set the scene for learning about the two Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation (Penance) and Anointing of the Sick.
- In Science, we will be looking at the properties of everyday materials and how each is important to their design and function. The children will be writing a report on an item of their choice, researching who discovered the item, it's purpose and the materials it is made of.
- In Physical Education, this term belongs to cross-country and athletics, but as well as this, our ever-popular Dance Fever crew are back to weave their magic.
- In Health, we shall be examining the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, including diet and in particular school lunches. The children will design a healthy lunch and discuss the reasons for their lunchbox choices.



We would also like to thank you for responding promptly to any email permissions that have been sent home.

Kind regards,

Michelle, Anne and Rachael

