

Year 5 Term 2 Newsletter

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We have had a great start to term and students have welcomed me in true St Patrick's style. You should all be very proud of their dedication to their learning. This newsletter serves to inform you of what will be covered in the different learning and extra-curricular activities throughout Term 2.

In **Mathematics**, students will further develop their understanding, fluency, problem solving skills and reasoning in the three strands 'Number and Algebra', 'Measurement and Geometry' and 'Statistics and Probability'.

In **English** this term, students will plan, draft, edit and publish a persuasive text. They will design a burger and write a persuasive letter to a popular take-away chain to convince them to add their burger to the menu.



Spelling lists are selected for your child depending on a diagnostic assessment that they completed at the start of the term which identified student strengths and areas that need to be focused on. They have conferenced with me individually and are aware of their focus areas to be worked on in class.

I am in the process of assessing students' **reading** abilities and will work collaboratively with students to support them in identifying a reading strategy goal to target a specific area of need. As I conduct guided reading sessions and continue to conference with your child regarding their reading progress their goals will change. I tell the children that their reading goal is a 'working document' that evolves as children demonstrate mastery over reading skills. Your child should always be aware of their current goal. They should be able to tell you what it is, and demonstrate how to apply the strategy while reading at home.

In **Religious Education**, the students will continue working on a range of activities from the new Religion curriculum. The unit is titled "Holy Spirit" and teaches about Pentecost and the effect of the Holy Spirit on our lives. They will identify symbols and scripture that relate to the Holy Spirit and make a presentation to the class about how the Holy Spirit is present in the lives of believers.



In **Science**, the students will be investigating Matter. They will look at the properties in solids, liquids and gases and how the particles behave.

In **HASS**, the students will be researching Ned Kelly and deciding if he was a hero or a villain.



The Arts

Specialist Dance lessons will be conducted by DanceFever during Term 2. Students will continue to have specialist Music lessons with Mrs Kait Searles. We will also continue our Visual Arts, Media Arts and Drama Rotations.

PE continues with specialist teacher Mr Joe Laffey and **Technology** will be in into all areas of the curriculum playing an important role in our English, Hist Science, RE and Mathematics topics.

Homework will continue this term with the students choosing an activity from the grid. After conducting some parent teacher interviews so far, I have taken on board some parent wishes regarding homework. Most importantly, it is most important that your child read at home every day for at least 15-20 minutes. The benefits of this are immeasurable, including 'practise makes perfect'. The more children read the better they become at it. Additionally, it improves concentration and teaches them about the world around them. It also develops their imagination, vocabulary and language skills. We ask you to continue to encourage your child to read regularly and record their reading in their Reading Log. Additionally, I would like your child to practise times tables. As children progress in their schooling they need that speed practise with times tables. Maths problems can be quite demanding on children and often involve several operations to solve the task. Assisting them to learn their times tables by rote will allow them to make calculations more efficiently. They will also practise their spelling words weekly and gain a deeper understanding of words and sentences by putting their words into compound and complex sentences. Additional tasks will be set at student and parent requests and will relate to both student interest and what is going on in the classroom. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or requests regarding homework. I am always happy to adjust tasks according to student needs.

Year 5 Camp

Our camp will be held at Mapleton Camp from the 16/8/17 to 18/8/17. We will be sending out specific information soon and would appreciate your support in returning paperwork promptly to assist us in the administrative matters that need to be completed.

If you have any questions regarding your child's progress please do not hesitate to contact me via email. Alternatively, you may book an appointment with me outside of school hours, or feel free to pop into the classroom. I am usually available most mornings before school.

Kindest regards,

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