

Welcome to Term 3 of Year 5/6

Welcome to Term 3 of 2017! We hope that you and your family had a relaxing break and that you were able to recuperate and recharge for a new term!

This term in Year 5/6, we will be learning about:

English

In Writing, we will be learning about entertainment! How should we write to entertain? What kind of text genres do we use for entertainment? Students will be exploring a variety of stories, including fables, fantasy, sci-fi, historical fiction etc. We will be discussing the characteristics of a great story: from page turning dramas to cliff-hanger endings. We will also explore how to build characters and settings and finally publishing our stories for a particular target audience.

In Reading, we will be focusing on strategies relating to comprehension and accuracy. We will learn how to make connections between the text and our lives, the world and other texts. Students will also be learning about how to summarise texts. You can support your child with this by asking them to give you the 5W's (Who, What, When, Where & Why) when they read at home.

Maths

This term, our main focus is on decimals, fractions and percentages. This is a huge topic and some students do find this challenging. To support your child, you could talk to them about everyday fractions. For example: if we had 8 blocks of chocolates to share between 4 people, how many blocks of chocolates would each of us have and what fraction would that be? This will help your child make links between the Mathematics they learn at school and the real world.

We will also be looking at Measurement and Geometry, focusing on choosing appropriate measurements and converting between measurements. For example, students will be given a variety of items (book, iPad, bicycle, pencil) and they will need to choose the most appropriate measurement to measure them. Students will also be converting between common metric systems (cm, mm, m, Km, Kg, g, L and ml).

RE/Inquiry

This term, we will begin to learn about our new topic of 'Australian History'. Students will be researching and exploring their own family history and faith, as well as the history of Australia from pre-colonial times to present day. They will then use this information to trace the history of their faith culture in Australia and how it has made a difference in shaping Australian societies and their local communities. They will then share their learning with other St. Elizabeth students in term 4 by holding a 'Faith Festival'. We hope to see you there!



Important Dates

Date/Time	Event
JULY	
Friday 21st	Interschool Athletics
Friday 27th	Year 5 Nazareth Taster Day
Monday 31st	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
AUGUST	
Friday 3rd	Division Winter Sports Finals (T-ball) / Buddy Mass (Year5/6 & Foundation)
Thursday 11th	Australia Bound Incursion
Monday 14th	Cross Arts Rehearsal
Tuesday 15th	Whole School Mass - Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday 15th	3/ 4 Cross Arts Night
Thursday 16th	Nazareth Production Matinee
Friday 25th	Book Week Celebrations
Thursday 31st	Father's Day Stall
SEPTEMBER	
Thursday 7th	District Athletics
Friday 8th	Maths Games Day Competition
Tuesday 19 th	Foundation & 1/ 2 Cross Arts Performance
Wednesday 20th	Footy Day Division Athletics
Friday 22nd	Last day of term

Reminders

Can we please encourage you to continue to support your child in managing their Chromebooks. Several of our students have come into school with their device not charged and this makes it very difficult for them to learn and participate in classroom activities.

We thank you for your continual support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need more information.

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