

Years 5 and 6 Term Two Newsletter 2017

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope that you are all healthy and refreshed after the long Easter break! We have an exciting term ahead of us filled with lots of learning, Cross Arts, NAPLAN and Interschool Sports.

Here is a snapshot of what your child will be learning this term:

Literacy

The focus for reading will include strategies such as: predicting what will happen in the text and making connections between the text, self and the world. You can support your child by discussing these strategies when you read with them of a night.

In writing, students will be learning about persuasive and informative text. They will begin to explore the structural and language features of these texts and persuasive techniques that they can implement into their own writing. Students will also be introduced to either Lane Clark's ThinkItGreat or AuthorThink process. You can assist your child in writing this term by highlighting any ways that companies persuade people to buy a product - whether it is on the television, on the Internet or in a shopping centre.

Numeracy

For Mathematics, students will be learning about a range of number and measurement topics. These include: revising the four operations, comparing and ordering decimals, reading scales, 2D shapes and 3D objects, BODMAS, length, perimeter, area, budgeting and money. You can support your child's learning by discussing money, asking them to identify various shapes and giving them simple number problems to answer.

Inquiry/ Religion

This term, we begin our physical science topic by first looking at how Jesus was the light for the world. In what way was He a light? Students will be challenged to think about ways they can be lights to the world. One of these ways will be in their creation of a working torch, which they will design themselves and build from scratch! We will then deliver these to Matutinao so our friends can have some light during the evenings as electricity can be very limited.

Cross Arts

This year for our Cross Arts performance we will be performing 'Captain Planet and the Planeteers'. This performance will be held on the 16th of May and will focus on all of our learning about Earth & Space Science, Natural Disasters and systems. We hope to see your family and friends there!



Homework

During the Goal Setting meetings in term 1, the majority of families agreed and signed our homework agreement. Whilst the majority of students are completing their homework to a high standard and getting their diaries signed weekly, there are a number of students who have only partially completed their homework or have made no attempt.

It is expected that your child does 20 minutes of homework each night, which includes 10 minutes on both Literacy Planet and Mathletics. In addition, students need to be reading for at least 15 minutes every night and recording this in their diary with a parent's signature. Students will also be given an individualised spelling list to practice and learn for their fortnightly spelling test.

If your child does not complete their homework or bring in their diary signed, you will receive an email from your child's teacher. You can check your child's progression on Mathletics by clicking the following link:

<http://west.core.mathletics.com/ParentCentreServiceR164/ParentRegistration.aspx>

Reminder

Your child will need a pair of headphones to use with their ChromeBooks for when they are viewing educational videos and programs. If they have their own headphones, they are able to learn at their own individual pace and rewind/re-listen if they need to. Please be mindful that it is your child's responsibility to care for their headphones.

Important Dates

Date/Time	Event	Venue
APRIL		
Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th	School Closure Days	
Tuesday 25th	ANZAC Day	
Thursday 27 th	Nazareth Yr7 (2018) Interviews	Nazareth College
MAY		
Friday 5th	Cross Country 9 - 11am	
Tuesday 9-12 th	NAPLAN	Classroom
Friday 12th	Mother's Day Prayer and Cupcake Celebration 2:45pm	Classroom
Monday 15 th	5/6 Cross Arts Dress Rehearsal	PAC
Tuesday 16 th	<u>5/6 Cross Arts Performance</u>	PAC
Friday 19th	Family Week Whole School Mass 9:15am	Church
Wednesday 24th	Nazareth Music Performance Night	
Wednesday 31st	Feast of the Visitation - Whole School Mass 9:15	Church
JUNE		
Monday 12th	Queen's Birthday	
Friday 16 th	5/6 Prayer Celebration - 2:30pm	Level 4 Link
Tuesday 20th	Progress Interviews	Classroom
Friday 23rd	School Closure Day - Progress Interviews	Classroom
Friday 30th	Last Day of Term	

Interschool Sports Winter Fixture

Round 1	27 th April	St. Elizabeth's V Westall
Round 2	4 th May	St. Elizabeth's V Keysborough PS
Round 3	18 th May	St. Elizabeth's V Noble Park PS
Round 4	25 th May	St. Elizabeth's V Mt. Hira
Round 5	1 st June	St. Elizabeth's V Wallarano
Round 6	8 th June	St. Elizabeth's V St. Anthony's
Round 7	15 th June	St. Elizabeth's V Clayton South
Round 8	22 nd June	St. Elizabeth's V Resurrection PS
Round 9	29 th June	St. Elizabeth's V Silverton PS

We thank you for your continual support.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

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