

## Year 5/6 Term 3 Newsletter 2019

Welcome to Term 3 of 2019! 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 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.

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.

### 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 to measure and will need to choose the most appropriate measurement to measure them. Students will also be converting between common metric systems (mm, cm, m, Km, Kg, g, L and ml).

### RE/Inquiry

This term, in Religious Education, students will be investigating and presenting a project on a chosen saint. All Year 5/6 students will be required to present their saint project to their peers, regardless of whether they are making their Confirmation this year. Students will also be exploring the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and how they can use and apply these gifts to their lives in preparation for the Year 6 Confirmation which takes place on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August**. During Inquiry, students will be researching colonial Australia and learn about what life was like for different groups of people in the colonial period. Students will explore the significant events of Australia's history and how these events have shaped our multi-cultural nation today.

### Reminders

Students are only permitted to wear their runners on days that they have Specialists (PE & Performing Arts). All other days, students are required to wear leather school shoes as per our uniform policy.

Classes	Runners Allowed
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5/6 KD	Monday
5/6 MP	Tuesday
5/6 SO	Monday & Wednesday
5/6 GY	Tuesday

Can we please also 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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Kind Regards,

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