

YEAR 5 TERM 2 CURRICULUM UPDATE

Students have settled back into routine beautifully and we are looking forward to another busy and rewarding term of learning with them!

RELIGION

Our units this term are Eucharist (Weeks 1-6) and Confirmation (Weeks 7-11). In the Eucharist unit we will be looking at how Holy Communion strengthens people to grow as a community and how the Word of God teaches people to share their goodness. In the Confirmation unit we will be learning about the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and how these guide people to live as Jesus taught.

ENGLISH

Writing

Our first Talk for Writing unit is persuasive letter writing. Students have just completed their cold task and will now be learning the model text "Dear Mr Wolf, from Old Bunny." Later in the term we will move to report writing, which will tie in with our HASS topic.

Reading

Students are still completing their novel study from Term 1 as the texts (especially Nanberry and Birrung) are quite long. A major reading focus is giving evidence from the text to support their predictions and inferences.

MATHEMATICS

In Number we will be learning to use written methods to solve multi-digit multiplication and division problems. As many students struggle with word problems, we will be doing lots of practice of identifying key words in mathematical questions and figuring out which operation the question is requiring. Our Measurement focus areas this term are area, perimeter and 24 hour time.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGIES

This term students will plan, design and create a diorama that represents life on the Australian goldfields during the 1850s. Collecting materials they could use for their diorama will form part of students' homework activities later in the term.

HASS

Due to the shorter-than-usual duration of Term 1 (8 weeks), we have only just finished our Life in Early Australia unit. Students each chose one particular aspect of our inquiry question to answer and prepared a 2-minute oral presentation about it, presented in the form of a "vlog" (video diary entry) of an early Australian. From Week 3, we will move into our Term 2 History unit, The Goldfields.

SCIENCE

This term students will be completing a unit called 'Earth's Place in Space.' Students will create a model of the Earth, moon and Sun in relation to each other, explore Galileo's beliefs/evidence and become Solar System scientists as they focus on planets' sizes and distances from the Sun and the constellations visible at night in the Southern Skies.

HEALTH

In Health students will be learning about nutrients and their importance in their diet; the amount of daily physical activity needed to keep their bodies healthy; and how celebrities influence the choices they make when buying products and services.

ART

Students will complete 4 major projects this term - a card and gift for Mother's Day, a collage related to the goldfields, a mixed media artwork inspired by Sidney Nolan and a collaged and zentangled self portrait.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This term students will be doing cross country, basketball dribbling and shooting and netball skills.

Thanks for your ongoing support and as always, please feel free to contact us with any questions.

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