

WELCOME TO TERM 1

Welcome to Term 1 of 2018! We are all very excited to be back after the summer holidays, ready for a wonderful year ahead.

We have many exciting things to look forward to this term including interschool sports, district swimming, house cross country, incursions, choir and the beginning of a range of new clubs.

This term we will have 11 interschool sports teams participating in 6 sports: kickball, basketball, hot shots tennis, volley stars, kanga cricket and t-ball. Permission notes went home last week, so please return them as soon as possible as we begin playing at the end of Week 3.

This term began with positive and enthusiastic attitudes from all students as they settled into new classrooms and for most students it was a new learning space or new school altogether.

Students have all now received their 2018 diaries. These will be used to remind students of important dates throughout the year as well as track that they are reading every night and getting it initialed by a parent or guardian. Homework will also begin this week however students will have a 2 week block to complete and submit their homework. It will go home on Monday and be due back on Thursday of the following week.

Parent and teacher interviews will take place in Week 4 on the 21st of February. This is a good opportunity for staff and parents to get to know each other and discuss the year to come.



Important dates:

16/02/18 Interschool Sports Round 1

21/02/18 Parent teacher interviews

23/02/18 Interschool Sports Round 2

26/02/18 District Swimming Carnival

01/03/18 – 22/03/18 (Thursday afternoons) Melbourne City Soccer Clinic

02/03/18 Interschool Sports Round 3

09/03/18 Curriculum day

12/03/18 Labour day public holiday

13/03/18 School Photos

16/03/18 Interschool Sports Round 4

19/03/18 House Cross Country

YEAR 5/6

First Assembly for 2018

On Monday the 5th of February MWNPS held the first assembly for the year. It was a special occasion as our Year 6 captains were officially presented with their leaders' badges as well as given their first opportunity to lead the school in assembly. We welcomed all new students to the school and showed respect and appreciation for students receiving awards for their wonderful efforts in the first week back.

Inquiry

Term 1 will focus on Chemical Science. The specific focus will be looking at the different states of matter and the difference between physical and chemical changes. The unit will involve an incursion with Science with Sally to spark interest and curiosity in the students.

They will work individually and collaboratively to investigate and engage in experiments to discover more about chemical science.

Literacy

This term students will be covering two major text types in Literacy. Students are now beginning a unit of persuasive writing which will span 4 weeks. We will follow this with narrative writing which will continue into term two as we prepare our Year 5 students for NAPLAN. Students will be drafting, editing and publishing pieces of writing for both units and completing relevant portfolio tasks. During reading lessons, students will participate in rotational groups where they will work on a range of tasks that involve independent work, collaboration and teacher guided learning. Students will also participate in Literacy Circles for two weeks this term where they read a book as a group and complete activities around their understandings as well as present their work to their peers.

Students will complete a writing, reading and speaking and listening portfolio task this term for Literacy. For writing, students will draft and publish a persuasive piece of text. For speaking and listening students will present their persuasive piece of writing as a speech to their home group. For reading, students will read a teacher chosen narrative and answer comprehension questions relating to some of the reading comprehension strategies covered in the term.

Mathematics

Beginning this year, students will no longer be in maths groups that differ from their home groups. They will remain in their home group for all maths lessons but still may do activities with other classes or as a whole level.

This term in Mathematics students will cover a variety of concepts.

- Place value
- Number operations
- 2D and 3D shapes
- Worded problems
- Measurement
- Probability
- Number properties
- Volume
- Capacity

The students will complete two portfolio tasks this term using their knowledge of number and place value, and measurement and geometry.

German

This term in German, students will be learning about parties and celebrations. After initially learning about a German celebration called Karneval, students will begin planning a costume party. In doing so, they will learn the key vocabulary to write an invitation, and name and describe party items and clothes. Students will be encouraged to use comparative language to discuss the similarities or differences between these German traditions and their own/ their peers.

PE

In 5/6 PE we are focusing on teaching students skills through a learning games for tactical understanding approach. The 3 PE units we are covering this term are Fitness, Basketball, & Volleyball.

In health we are learning about attitudes, beliefs, decisions & behaviours as well as practicing skills to manage relationships.

The Arts

In Term 1, the Senior students will be studying Drama. They will look at exploring dramatic action, building empathy and challenge stereotypes in play building and scripted drama. They will also look at ways of how to develop characters and situations by learning to use their voice, movement, gesture and their body language to represent a character, situation or idea. As they do this, they will learn to adjust the heaviness, lightness or even stillness of their movement to create greater dramatic action. They will evaluate drama from different cultures such as drama from the Indigenous, Torres Strait or Asian cultures. Finally, they will learn to evaluate their own plays by refining their practice by reflecting on how they used the elements of Drama such as: role, character and relationships, voice and movement, space and time, language, mood and atmosphere.

SPORT

A new year means another full year for our 5/6 students to make their mark on the sporting field. This term alone we will have our District swimming team represent the school at the annual District swimming meet. The students who competed in the A races and came 1st or 2nd will be representing the school at Divisional level on the 6th of March. This term we also have Summer Interschool Sport starting. For the first time we are making the competition available to all of our grade five and six students. This means we will have two sets of teams representing our school in the Summer District competition. Interschool sport involves students competing in a sporting team against other schools in our District every Friday morning. Later in the Term we have House Cross-Country, this will be held on the 19th of March at Tally Ho Reserve, where the top ten students from each race will go through and represent the school next term at District. This term in Senior sport we also have Melbourne City FC coming down to run a four week clinic, starting from the 1st of March.

As always we are looking for parent helpers to assist with sport throughout the year. You don't need any experience, just a valid working with children's check card. If you are able to help in any way please don't hesitate to contact Anthony Malelis via email at malelis.anthony.a@edumail.vic.gov.au.



MWNPS Students

As students progress through their educational journey they acquire and develop a range of skills. When the time comes for them to leave MWNPS we want them to:

- Be independent.
- Know themselves as learners.
- Be organised people.
- Self regulate.
- Think for themselves.

Throughout the year, we aim to continue to build this skill set for the students to assist their readiness for their future studies.

