

Welcome Back!

Welcome back for another wonderful and busy Term 2! This term involves many academic and sporting events including NAPLAN and House Sports Carnival.

Our Inquiry topic for this term is Curiosity. Students will be exploring the globe looking at the cultures represented in our level. They will plot a course to jet-set across the world becoming a travel guide designing a brochure. Students will also use maps to discover different locations throughout Australia and around the world.

This term students will also have the opportunity to participate in chess lessons once a week during class time and join a chess club during lunch times.

Important Dates

- 8th May:** ICAS Digital Technologies Test
- 10th May:** Mother's Day Stall
- 15th May:** Language Conventions & Writing
NAPLAN Test (Year 3)
- 16th May:** Reading NAPLAN Test (Year 3)
- 17th May:** Numeracy NAPLAN Test (Year 3)
- 23rd May:** District Cross Country
- 29th May:** ICAS Science Test
- 7th June:** Division Cross Country
- 8th June:** Curriculum Day
- 11th June:** Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)
- 12th June:** House Athletics
- 13th June:** ICAS Spelling Test
- 14th June:** ICAS Writing Test
- 19th June:** Reginal Cross Country
- 28th June:** School Disco
- 29th June:** Last Day Term 2

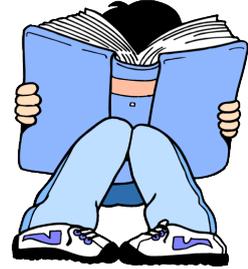


Curriculum

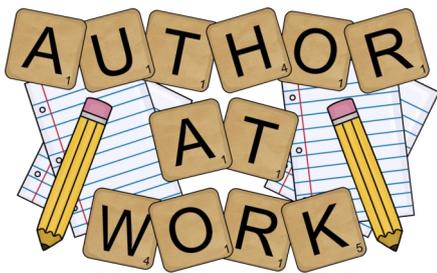
Literacy

READING:

Students will continue to learn and practice the CAFÉ reading strategies in rotational groups this term. There will be a strong focus on comprehension strategies when reading a variety of text types. Students will develop their ability to infer using evidence, compare and contrast texts, look at text features and use prior knowledge to connect with a text.



WRITING:



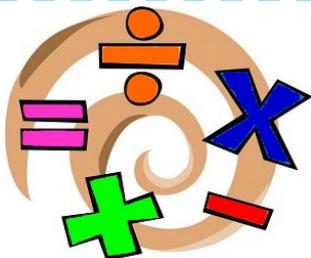
In Writing this term we are focussing on narrative, recount and poetry. Students have been perfecting sizzling starts, tightening tension and exciting endings in their narrative writing. Recounts involve retelling personal stories including who, what, when, where, why and how. Year 3/4 Students will focus on cinquain, limerick and rhyming poetry.

SPELLING:

This term we are focussing on spelling strategies to help students improve their writing by using a range of words and recognise them in their reading. Topics will include high frequency words, irregular past tense verbs, silent and double letters, common plurals, prefixes, suffixes and root words.



Numeracy



This term in Numeracy we will be exploring a variety of topics as well as preparing our Year 3 students to feel confident across the Mathematics curriculum. The following topics will be explored in numeracy this term: time, fractions, decimals, chance, 2D and 3D shapes, transformations, money, addition and subtraction.

Numeracy skills are important to be practicing at home and you will have seen mental maths and problem solving being brought home for homework. This is to help students get a broad range of problem solving skills at home and open them up to a range of different mathematical concepts.

Specialists

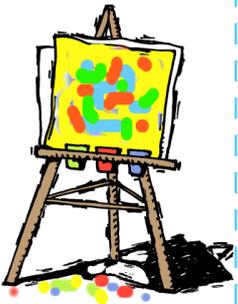
GERMAN– Madeleine Sim

This term in German students will be completing a unit about the *Fußball Weltmeisterschaft* (FIFA World Cup). They will learn the names of different countries that are competing, as well as the names for many of the continents, and will reinforce their knowledge of vocabulary to describe clothing. They will complete a research project about one of these countries, and discuss it using German words and phrases.



VISUAL ARTS– Vicki Nicolos

Students will research artworks of different styles and artists from different times and cultures, to inspire their own expression of ideas, in forms such as printmaking and drawing. They will look compare styles of artwork such as realism, expressionism, symbolic and abstract artwork. They will discuss the materials and techniques used by artists to make artworks based on this investigation. They will learn to manipulate and experiment with combinations of various materials and technologies to create effects, for example, using crosshatching to create tone or design elements to focus attention in a composition. They will explore different ways of presenting artworks in different locations, such as folios, digitally, in a public space in the school and examine public art in their community. And finally they will evaluate artworks from different cultures and histories using inquiry, explaining which artworks they like the most and why.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION– Todd Klein

Students are working towards gaining a better understanding about how to play soccer, Aussie Rules football & American Football. They will practice key skills such as punting, marking, kicking and passing in order to prepare them for a game. For Health this term our focus in on mental health and wellbeing.



NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 15th May, Wednesday 16th May and Thursday 17th May 2018. NAPLAN tests have been an annual event for schools since 2008. The tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy (number; space; algebra, function and pattern; measurement, chance and data).

Tips to help your child prepare for NAPLAN:

1. 'Being there' emotionally
2. Discuss feelings
3. Support children's confidence
4. Help with relaxation skills
5. Teach helpful thinking
6. Lead by example
7. Help your child have clear expectations
8. Discuss problem-solving
9. Teach confidence-building tricks

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Remember to always go past the office when arriving late for a late slip.
- Always email, Tiqbiz, phone or write a note to the school or relevant teacher when your child is absent.
- When your child is sick, please keep them at home or have a suitable emergency back up to take care of them. Home is a much better place for them to recover and it stops the spread of illness in the level.
- Could you please send with your child, a box of tissues which can be used throughout the year.
- Don't forget 'Brain Food' consists of fresh fruit and vegetables to help them focus through the day. No processed foods allowed during this time.
- In term 3 students will be participating in our swimming program and school camp to Camp Jungai. More information will be sent home later in the term.



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