

YEARS 4/5/6 TERM 1 2022 NEWSLETTER

Welcome

Term 1 begins with our **Learning to Learn** program. This is the time when teachers and students discuss expectations, revisit the school values and develop learning goals for the year. It is an important part of the term to reinforce student understanding of school values, good study habits and positive social skills.

Reading

All students will be involved in literature studies throughout the year. Our focus in Term 1 is on good organisation and routines for all students to read independently. Each student will be able to borrow books from the library to provide a variety of material to read. The class focus will be on analysing and interpreting texts and summarising texts for information. This will be done through class novels and guided reading books.

Writing

Writing genres will be revised to ensure students understand the types and structure. There will also be a focus on Spelling using the S.M.A.R.T spelling program. Editing skills will be encouraged as a part of student writing, where they will go learn the process of self-edit, peer edit, and teacher edit.

Speaking and Listening

Students will be preparing and delivering impromptu speeches on a variety of topics to assist with developing clear thinking, social skills and engaging an audience. In Term 1, students are to present speeches for JSC and School Class Leadership.

Number and Algebra

Pattern and Order: Where students select strategies and use patterns to predict solutions, and count from various points using patterns. Place value looks at the value of each digit in various positions and the relationship between each position such as ten times bigger or one hundred times smaller.

Measurement & Geometry

Students will investigate time by Interpreting and using timetables, and Measure, calculate and compare elapsed time.

Statistic and Probability

Students will conduct Chance experiments and identify possible outcomes, develop hypotheses on known outcomes.

Inquiry Activities

History, Civics and Citizenship

Students will investigate pre-contact ways of life of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people and their knowledge of their environment. They will also explore whether the interactions between Europeans and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples had positive or negative effects.

ICT

Students will develop skills in Programming, review Cyber Safety activities and will undertake explicit lessons using Word, Excel, PowerPoint & typing. These skills will help in preparation for Naplan and other assessments.

Berry Street

Our ongoing Berry Street program will involve all students using their own 'My Wellbeing Journal'. This journal is to help students discuss and reflect upon their self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, responsible decision-making and relationship skills.

Camp – Golden Valley Lodge

Our camp is being held during Week 11 (Monday April 4th – Wednesday April 6th) at Golden Valley Lodge at Flinders. Golden Valley Lodge is an adventure camp where our students will participate in activities that center around four main disciplines: high adventure, pioneering, social interaction and large group activities. All students are encouraged to participate in Camp. They will form friendships and develop independence in a supported, caring environment.

All payments and forms are due by Week 6, so please see the office or the 3/4/5/6 team if you have any questions. The total cost for camp is \$270.00.

Indonesian Language Classes with Ms. Jap

The Indonesian language program is aimed at teaching basic communicative language skills and Indonesian culture.

Students will develop their language skills and understand Indonesian culture through a variety of activities such as language games, listening to stories and watching and study a movie.

Hopefully there is an opportunity for us to participate in the Indonesian Film Festival in ACME.



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