

# YEAR 5-6 TERM 2 NEWSLETTER 2021

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Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you had a great holiday!

Term 2 will begin with a busy start to sport and incursions.

Interschool sports will return in Week 2 with Winter Sports, AFL (Aussie Rules Football), Soccer, Tee ball and Netball, where students will be able to represent their school. Melbourne City will be joining us every week and running a Robotics Program. The students will continue to reflect on the school values and build upon a very positive Term 1.

### **Reading:**

All students will be involved in literature studies throughout the year. Year 5's will be preparing for NAPLAN with optional homework to be sent out, which can be completed cooperatively. In reading groups, students will continue to focus on obtaining information from non-fiction texts and answering questions that help them find the author's purpose.

### **Writing:**

The focus for the term is on both narrative writing, information reports and persuasive texts. An emphasis on planning and structuring work will be emphasised, with a NAPLAN focus in mind. Students are required to write reports after sporting activities and excursions that they will be attending.

### **Speaking and Listening:**

Students will develop skills in presenting opinions when sharing work in small groups and whole class activities. They will also begin formal discussions using debating. These skills complement persuasive writing and further develop their written language skills.

### **Maths:**

This term, our focus areas in Mathematics will include further investigation of number and place value. We will begin to look at money and making simple budgets and financial plans that will include planning a dinner party or a family holiday. We will also continue to look at fractions and decimals and explore how these concepts are interrelated.

### **Inquiry:**

After an extremely fun and informative Camp in Term 1, students have started working on a project documenting information that they have learned and are researching on the Gold Rush. Students have enthusiastically begun working on these websites and we look forward to seeing the students creative and informative skills put to use.

Don't forget to check Compass and the Term 2 calendar for all our upcoming events.

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