Welcome to Term 2!

The Year 6 team would like to welcome all parents to what is going to be an exciting Term 2. We have hit the ground running with a fantastic public transport excursion to the Shrine and a wonderfully moving Anzac Ceremony where all students spoke and conducted themselves beautifully. Winter inter-school sport begins this term with all Year 6 participating in either football, hockey, t-ball, soccer, lawn bowls, basketball or netball. The Year 6 wellbeing programs: Girls on the Go and Rock & Water will continue this term. Self Defence with Jo Tempin has already been a highlight. Welfare sessions continue on Tuesday afternoons from 3 pm – 3.45 pm. Lunch Clubs have also begun this term and many Year 6 students are enjoying the opportunity to both participate and lead the various clubs. It is fabulous to see so many students demonstrating excellent leadership qualities in this area.

Literacy

Literature Groups

Literature Groups have commenced and are continuing throughout the term. Groups meet once a week on Tuesdays at 9.00am for an hour. 6 – 8 students of mixed ability are assigned to an adult to read a novel whilst children follow. The leader drives the session initiating and promoting discussion of plot and character, answering questions and generally leading the group through the book.

Reading

Students will continue to read, interpret and respond to a wide range of literary, everyday and media texts in print and in multimodal formats. They analyse these texts and support interpretations with evidence drawn from the text. They use a range of approaches to spelling, applying morphemic knowledge and an understanding of visual and phonic patterns. They employ a variety of strategies for writing, including note-making, using models, planning, editing and proofreading.

Writing

Throughout Term 2 students produce in print and electronic forms, a variety of texts for different purposes using structures and features of language appropriate to the purpose, audience and context of the writing. We will be focusing on persuasive writing over the coming weeks. Students will consolidate their knowledge of structure and will practise a variety of writing techniques to enhance their persuasive writing.

Numeracy

Maths Groups

With the added assistance of having four teachers for the three classes this year we have been able to run and stream our maths groups. This has enabled us to target specific needs with a smaller teacher to student ratio. This term the topics in Maths groups include Place Value and Fractions, Decimals and Percentages.

Le Clerc’s Lateral Learners

Mrs Le Clerc’s extension program will continue in Term 2. This higher ended maths extension program extends and challenges those who thrive on the challenge that maths provides.

Early Morning Maths

Early Morning Maths is continuing and students are expected to take responsibility for their learning and actively pursue strategies to assist their progress or further their understandings of a concept. The Year 6 teachers offer before school maths classes once a week on a Wednesday from 8.30 am – 9.00 am. All students are invited to participate regardless of their ability.

Listening and Speaking

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Unit of Inquiry: WHO WE ARE

DIFFERENT CULTURES ARE INFLUENCED BY MANY FACTORS.

Lines of Inquiry:
- Key aspects of an Asian country
- Issues effecting the people
- Customs, values, rituals, celebrations and lifestyle
- Links between this country and Australian traditions

Special note

Shrine Excursion 20/04/2016
Anzac Day Service: 22/04/2016
House Cross Country 4/05/2016
Ongoing Interview Schedule begins: 10/05/2016
Welfare Program continues.
Open Classrooms 16/05/2016
Rotary Speech Contest 16/06/2016

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