



Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for the final term of Year 5. We trust you have had a wonderful break and that you're ready to embrace the countdown to the end of year.

This term will include many special events for the students including Mission Month, Camp, Grandparent's Day, Year 5 Assembly and the Candle Leadership Ceremony. We will endeavor to keep you informed of all relevant information regarding these events.

### **Teaching and Learning**

#### ***Religion***

In Religion this term, students will learn about Jesus, the Jewish culture and how the Old Testament tells the story of the Jewish people. Students will learn about how Jesus' teaching and actions challenged the society in which he lived and how these teachings challenge people today to question societal norms in regards to the poor and the oppressed.

#### ***Literacy***

Our Literacy block consists of reading, writing, spelling and grammar, speaking and listening. Students are given opportunities to develop their reading strategies and writing skills across a variety of different text forms. Independent reading and writing will continue to be a focus as well as the development of students proofreading and editing their own work. During every literacy block, each student will be required to read independently, write independently and collaborate on a number of literacy based activities in small groups. Conferencing individually with the teacher, in both reading and writing will continue this term.

#### ***Mathematics***

This term in Mathematics, Year 5 will continue to focus on a range of Mathematical concepts including factors and multiples, multiplication and geometry. Students will also learn how to collect data by posing relevant questions and determine the appropriate method to display this data. We encourage students to learn their times tables in preparation for Year 6.

#### ***Integrated Unit***

As we head shortly to camp, students will continue learning about the Australian Gold Rush, the discovery of Gold in Australia, issues and the impact it had on our culture and economy.

#### ***PDHPE***

	<b>Sports Uniform Days</b>	
<b>5A</b>	Monday	Friday
<b>5P</b>	Monday	Thursday
<b>5L</b>	Monday	Wednesday

In PE our focus will be on softball skills. The students will be learning throwing, catching, pitching, striking, batting and overall game skills.

## **Art**

This term, students will be working on perspective techniques in their art work, such as depth. As well, we will be creating multi-media art work based on the book Metallica.

## **Science**

Science this term will focus on "Solids, Liquids and Gases". Students will learn solids, liquids and gases have different observable properties and behave in different ways.

## **Homework**

Homework is set each week for every child and is due each Friday. Students have the option of utilising it on Google Classroom or obtaining a hard copy handed out in class. Homework is aimed at finding a balance between schoolwork and extra-curricular activities, while building important time management skills. As leaders of the school, Year 5 are expected to lead the school in the following ways:

- Correct SUMMER uniform (please check school website if unsure), this includes the appropriate wearing of jewellery (only plain studs or sleepers, chain with a cross worn under their uniform), NO nail polish, school hair ties (In school colours only) and the tidy presentation of their uniform.
- Developing respectful relationships with all members of the community at all times.
- Setting a positive example for the younger students.

We will continue to maintain high behavioural expectations for each student throughout the year, both in the classroom and in the playground. Your child has a clear understanding of these expectations and of the consequences and privileges that are part of being a Year 5 leader.

We look forward to continue working with you and your child. If you have any problems or queries, please feel free to contact us via telephone or e-mail.

Regards,

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