Welcome to Term 2. We hope that everyone has enjoyed a restful break together with their family and friends and are now ready for a busy and productive term. We continue to encourage the children to use their diaries as an effective organisational and management tool. Home reading continues to be an important component of your child’s weekly tasks and it is important that you check their reading material and reading logs each night.

All students are now fully aware of classroom and school expectations. We expect this positive behaviour to continue with your support.

The Leadership Program with School Captains, House Captains and Peer Leaders is well underway. Students have been involved in preparing and delivering reports at whole school assemblies. Student Leaders will begin to initiate activities across the school. Our School Captains and House Captains will be conducting the ANZAC Ceremony on Friday 24th April.

Our year 6 students are involved in the ANPS Anzac Day Commemoration- April 24th. School Photos. - April 30th

Queens B/Day. - June 8th
Last day Term 2. - June 26th.
First day Term 3. - July 13th.

Important Dates

| ANPS Anzac Day Commemoration- April 24th. | Cross Country - May 5th |
| School Photos. - April 30th | Somers Camp - May 19-27th |
| Queens B/Day. - June 8th | Mothers Day Stall. - May 7th. |

Curriculum Overview

Literacy

Within the key learning area of Literacy, the focus will be on the reading comprehension strategies of text features and text structures, prediction, questioning, summarising and visualization. Sustained independent reading and reading conferences will continue to be developed. Book Clubs will also play an important role in extending the students understanding of Question, Answer Relationships. Our writing focus will be on the genres of persuasive texts and letter writing. Students will also be enhancing their ability in the writing of persuasive texts as well as narratives. The students will also be encouraged to test a text genre by looking at their structures and features. Writing notebooks and writing conferences will continue to play an important role in the students learning.

Numeracy

In Numeracy students will complete tasks from the following strands: Number and Algebra (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division); Measurement and Geometry (position, direction, mapping, location temperature) and Statistics and Probability (graphing). Students will be involved in weekly Scaffolding Numeracy sessions aimed at improving and developing the students Multiplicative thinking.

The students will continue to develop their Problem Solving Strategies through the experience of open-ended problems derived from every day experiences. These problems require the application of number facts, mathematical operations as well as an understanding of when to apply them. The students will demonstrate their understanding of these concepts through the use of the “Pictures, Numbers and Words” process.

Inquiry Unit

Our unit of Inquiry is ‘Earn and Learn’ and will be based around the Major Understanding that ‘Our economic climate affects how we manage our money.’ The learning domains that will receive major emphasis through the inquiry unit will be, Interpersonal Development, Communication, Personal and Social Learning, Thinking Processes and Economics.

The Focus Questions will be:

- How can we make informed decisions as consumers?
- How do we earn money?
- What is the difference between needs and wants?
- How do we move our budgets from one of deficit into one of surplus?
- Why do we need to manage our money?

Interschool Sport

Selection for the 5/6 Winter Interschool Sports are now underway and includes: Soccer, Netball, Football and Softball. The first game will commence on May 1st.

The ANPS Cross Country athletics team is in the process of being selected and the children represent will us in the ADSSA Championships on the 5th of May. Good luck everyone!

Transition

All Year Six students will be receiving their secondary placement forms in the coming weeks and are all beginning to excitedly make choices for their secondary education. Please ensure your child returns the Transition forms by the due date to ensure there is no disappointment.

Wakakirri

This term the 5/6 students will be begin their Wakki journey. The students will compete in the "Story Dance" component of Wakakirri and perform at The Clocktower Venue in early Term 3.

NAPLAN

The Year 5 students will undertake the common National Assessment Program for Numeracy and Literacy tests (NAPLAN) during the week of May 11th. In Literacy the students will be tested in the areas of Reading, Writing, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. In Numeracy, the students will be tested in the areas of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. We look forward to receiving all students’ assessment reports later in the year.

Kind Regards,

The Year 5/6 Team,

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