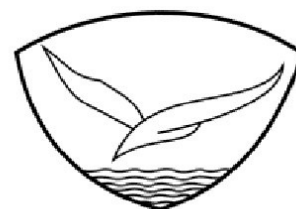


Term 2, 2021

Grade 5 / 6 Newsletter



"Consider Others"

Important Dates

11th-13th May	NAPLAN
14th May	Interschool Sports begins
7th May	District Cross Country
24th May	Young Leaders Day
14th June	Queens Birthday (Public Holiday)

General Information

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.

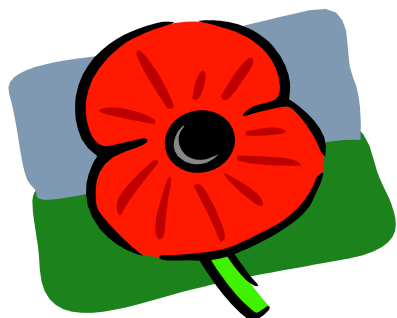
Home reading continues to be an important component of your child's weekly tasks and it is important that you check their reading material and reading logs each night.

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 have conducted the ANZAC Ceremony on Friday the 23rd of April.

ROBOTICS

In Robotics, students will be working with their peers to collaborate in researching, designing, constructing and programming the creation of an interesting track and robot for our 2021 Robotics theme. Students use their Critical and Creative thinking journal to make reflective notes and document their learning across the year. Student work will be presented at the Robotics Expo at the end of year.



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 visualisation. 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 and informative writing. Students will also be enhancing their ability in the letter and factual report writing. Writer's 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, fractions, decimals and percentages); 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**:

'How we manage our money has an impact on the lives we lead and those around us.'

Our focus questions are:

How do our financial decisions affect our/ others wellbeing in local and broader communities?

What function does employment have in our society?

Why is it important for us to understand how to manage our money?

How can we make informed decisions as participants in the economy?

Who plays a vital role in the functioning of our economic, physical and social well-being within our community, our country and our world?

Interschool Sport

Selection for the 5/6 Winter Inter School Sports are now underway and includes: Soccer, Netball, and T-Ball. The first game will commence on May 14.

The ANPS Cross Country athletics team is in the process of being selected and the children will represent us in the ADSSA Championships on the 7th of May. Good luck everyone!



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, and Language Conventions. 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,

Chris James, Jessica Duffy and Education Support Staff Libby.

