



2 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 – Term 1 Overview

Welcome to year 5 for 2024! Our teachers are Vanessa Ackland- 5VA, Angus Quantrill- 5AQ and Jenaya Lotze - 5JL. Jodi de Ligt is the executive teacher. The following is an outline of the program that will be taught to your child this term.

ENGLISH

Explicit writing lessons are conducted each week, allowing students to create and explore a range of different text types using the 'Chapman Writing Process'. During our lessons we will also be looking closely at sentence structure, grammar, vocabulary choices and punctuation. Students will work to refine their writing skills by elaborating further on their ideas when writing to persuade and narrative writing. This term students will study the novel 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo. Students will continue to develop their reading comprehension strategies, thinking and speaking skills and new vocabulary through our novel study lessons.

MATHEMATICS

This term we will be working on concepts across Number and Algebra as well as Measurement and Geometry. In Number and Algebra, the areas of focus include place value to one million, addition and subtraction operation strategies with large numbers and working with proper and improper fractions. In Measurement and Geometry, students will continue to extend their learning in 12 hour and 24-hour time.

HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences)

During Civics and Citizenship students develop an understanding about government and democracy, laws and citizens, diversity and identity. Students are introduced to the key values of Australia's democratic system of government, such as freedom, equality, fairness and justice.

SCIENCE

Students will examine and understand that living things have structural features and adaptations that help them to survive in their environment. They will analyse how the form of living things enables them to function in their environments and understand that plants and animals have internal and external structures that function to support survival, growth, behaviour, and reproduction.

LIBRARY

Year 5 will access the Library on a Thursday afternoon. Students are actively encouraged to find a good fit book. Teachers will talk to the students about what they are reading and guide them to find a new book. Students are also able to access the Library at lunchtimes.

MUSIC AND BAND (Nicky Dears)

The ukulele will be a major focus in music lessons, and by the end of the year, students should cover 6 chords, which means we will be able to accompany some of our songs! Students will continue to work on pitching their voices through singing rounds and part songs. They will also read more complex musical notation and rhythms through playing the recorder. Students will consolidate the reading and playing of 10 notes. Musical appreciation will be covered and students will listen to and analyse different types and styles of music.

For band students, practice during class time will be Tuesdays 9:00am - 9:45am and Thursdays 1:30pm-2:15pm each week and every Thursday lunch time 1:10pm - 1:30pm.

INDONESIAN (Damian Bolton - Pak Bolton)

Students in Year 5 will be revising their numbers in Indonesian from 0-99, with a focus on -belas (teens) and -puluh (tens). They will then explore using numbers in the hundreds (ratus) and thousands (ribu). They will use this knowledge to explore Indonesian currency (rupiah) and the costs of various items in Indonesia compared to Australia.

STEM (Kat Tirzins)

Year 5 will be starting the year learning about what it means to be a digital citizen. They will be identifying appropriate ways to communicate online. Year 5 will be building their own Google site to showcase their learning in STEM across the year. They will be working collaboratively to build an interactive slide for younger students to teach them how to be safe online.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT HEALTH & PE

Year 5 students will perform specialised movement skills of kicking, catching, striking, dodging, and throwing. Students will participate in the sports of oz tag and modified games as well as preparing for the cross country. Students will be assessed on their ability to display fair play and skills to work collaboratively. The school swimming carnival will be held in week 8 and more information will be sent home shortly.

IMPORTANT DATES - Please note that this is an 11-week term.

- Parent information night -Week 2 - Wednesday 7 February at 4:30pm-5:00pm
- 5/6 Netball Carnival - Week 5 Thursday 29 February
- Camp at Birrigai - Week 6 - Tuesday 5 to Wednesday 6 March
- Swimming carnival - Week 8 - Friday 22 March
- Parent Teacher Meetings - Week 9 - Monday 25 to Thursday 28 March
- Year 5 hosting assembly - Week 10 - Friday 5 April at 2:10pm
- Last Day of term 1 - Week 11 Friday 12 April

PARENT/TEACHER COMMUNICATION

If you wish to discuss your child's progress please ring or email and arrange a time to talk about any matters that may concern you about your child's learning. Before school is an important preparation time for teachers but we are happy to make appointments with you.

We look forward to a great term,

Vanessa Ackland, Angas Quantrill, Jenaya Lotze and Jodi de Ligt (Executive Teacher).

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