



2 February 2024

Dear Parents and carers

Year 6- Term 1 Overview

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 6 for 2024. Our teachers are Emma Pryor, Daniel Gatwood and Rachel Tollis. Nicki Johannes is our LSA and Jodi de Ligt is the team executive. In the first few weeks of the school year we will be spending time getting to know our classes and beginning our inquiries. Following is an outline of the program that will be taught to your child this term.

ENGLISH

The English program for this term will be a blend of spelling, reading, writing, viewing, listening and speaking.

Spelling- This term we will continue to work on improving students' spelling skills. During the mornings, students will be engaged in a range of differentiated activities and learning opportunities based around the four spelling strategies of morphology, phonology, orthography, and etymology.

Speaking- Students will be given many opportunities to orally present their work to peers and engage in conversations and discussions.

Reading- Reading sessions will focus on reading strategies such as comparing and contrasting, drawing conclusions and making inferences, distinguishing between fact and opinion, identifying author's purpose, interpreting figurative language and summarising. Students will be exposed to a wide range of fiction and nonfiction texts. This term we will engage in a book study of 'Blueback' by Tim Winton.

Writing- Daily writing lessons will allow students to create and explore a range of different text types. We will also look at audience choice, grammar, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation.

Viewing/ Listening- Each week students will take part in a Behind the News Session (BTN), this program looks at recent world news stories and breaks down this information into easy-to-understand terms for Primary aged students. They will have opportunities to reflect on the information presented each week.

MATHEMATICS

This term, students will be working on concepts across the three content strands: Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. Providing tasks that allow students to develop their **understanding, fluency, problem-solving** and **reasoning** skills will be an integral part of maths lessons. Year 6 maths groups will be flexible, with students attending differentiated lessons based on specific areas of need. Mathematical concepts will be integrated throughout all curriculum areas, in particular Science and Technology.

The main key teaching focus' for this term will be:

- Place value and whole number
- Addition and subtraction
- Negative integers
- Time
- Shape

HISTORY INQUIRY - Federation and Migration

The Year 6 students will be looking at the development of Australia as a Nation, particularly after 1900. Students will explore the factors that led to Federation. Through studies of people's experiences of democracy and citizenship over time, students will come to understand the significance of events, ideas and people's contributions in influencing the development of Australia's system of government. Students learn about the

way of life of people who migrated to Australia since Federation and their contributions to Australia's economic and social development. Students will analyse a wide range of historical sources to compare information and points of view in the past and present.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE INQUIRY - Marvellous Micro-organisms

The Marvellous micro-organisms Inquiry links science with literacy in the classroom. Throughout this unit, students will develop an understanding of the role of micro-organisms in food and medicine. They will investigate the conditions micro-organisms need to grow, learn about yeast and the bread-making process, and research the development of penicillin.

INDONESIAN (Damian Bolton)

During Term 1, students will revise basic greetings and use Indonesian to convey information about themselves, their family and friends and activities. They will also learn how to talk about hobbies and other activities that they enjoy.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (Dean Howell)

Year 6 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 in the hall. Students will be assessed on their ability to display fair play, sportsmanship and their ability to work collaboratively. The school swimming carnival will be held in week 8 and more information will be sent home shortly.

MUSIC (Nicky Dears)

The specialist music program will build upon music lessons from previous years. Children will continue to work on pitching their voices through singing rounds and part songs. We will also read more complex musical notation and rhythms through playing the recorder. We will consolidate the reading and playing of 10 notes. The ukulele is also a major focus in music lessons, and we hope to cover 6 chords by the end of the year. It will be great to have some accompaniment to the songs we will learn! Musical appreciation will be covered and students will listen to and analyse different types and styles of music.

STEAM (Kat Tirzins)

Year 6 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 6 will be building their own Google site to showcase their learning in STEM across the year. Year 6 will be learning about digital systems, safety, and security. They will be investigating how components and hardware interact to process and transmit data.

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.

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

- Parent information night -Week 2 - Wednesday 7 February at 4:30pm-5:00pm
- Year 6 hosting assembly - Week 2 - Friday 9 February at 2:10pm
- 5/6 Netball Carnival - Week 5 - Thursday 29 February
- Year 6 Camp at Borambola - Week 8 Monday 18 - Wednesday 20 March
- Swimming carnival - Week 8 - Friday 22 March
- Parent Teacher Meetings - Week 9 - Monday 25 - Thursday 28 March
- Last Day of term 1 - Week 11 - Friday 12 April

We look forward to a great term,

Emma Pryor, Rachel Tollis and Daniel Gatwood

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