

2017 - Year 5/6

Class	Teacher
5/6 EvS - The Scooby Gang	Emma van Smethills
5/6LR - The Sherlocks	Laura Ryan
5/6EW - The Inspector Gadgets	Erin Weston
Year 5/6 Executive Teacher	Melissa Mongan

Welcome back to term three and semester two.....the year is flying by! We're looking forward to our being events this term - market day and the concert.

Inquiry

Inquiry based learning has an overall goal for students to make meaning of their world. They are encouraged to become thinkers and questioners, therefore engaging them in the process of learning. Inquiry begins by posing questions or scenarios, rather than just giving students the facts. They drive the learning as researchers and collaborators, researching open ended questions which promote critical and creative thinking skills. Through inquiry the subjects of the Australian Curriculum are seen as being linked and are taught as a transdisciplinary approach.

This term our unit of inquiry will be focusing on the concepts of consumption, economy and collaboration. This unit will have a business and economics focus, incorporating other subjects and areas of the curriculum including English, mathematics, media arts and technologies. Students will be given the opportunity to drive their own learning through questions relating to these concepts.

English

During English sessions this term, students will participate in a variety of learning activities focusing on speaking and listening, reading and viewing, writing and spelling. English will also be heavily incorporated into our units of inquiry which will be guiding the particular text types taught during writing lessons. For example our third unit of inquiry into marketplaces will incorporate persuasive texts, including advertisements and business proposals. There will also be a focus on presentations with students needing to present their business plans/ideas to a 'Shark Tank' as well as hosting stalls for Market Day.

Mathematics

We will be continuing to use the Middle Years Mental Computation program in 5/6 to focus on mental computation strategies. These will continue to be our daily warm ups and the students are encouraged to keep using their number cards to practise these strategies at home. We will continue to focus on measurement, specifically volume, capacity and mass. Our other focus areas for the term will be number - percentages and financial mathematics that lead into budgeting in inquiry and chance and data. The number focus for final weeks of term three will be multiplication and division.

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

This term is the continuation of the Friendly Schools Plus (FS+) program, as this is a whole school focus. The program aligns with the Australian Curriculum and encourages students to identify and regulate their social and emotional behaviours by teaching them practical skills and strategies. This term we will be focusing on self management - exploring our emotions and how to regulate this in order to foster positive relationships as well as exploring bullying - defining bullying, types of bullying and how bullying affects individuals and groups. We will also be exploring healthy eating through the Fresh Tastes program. Students will be investigating the traffic light system for healthy foods and will engage in some cooking experiences.

Library:

Regular library times each week: EW - Thursday 12.05-12.50pm, EvS & LR - Tuesday 12:05-12.50pm

Specialist Programs

Class	Japanese - Daniel	PE - Sally	Performing Arts - Amanda
EW - Inspector Gadgets	Tuesday 1.30 - 2.30	Thursday 1:30-2:15	Thursday 2:15-3:00
LR - Sherlocks	Thursday 11:20-12:20	Thursday 2:15-3:00	Thursday 1:30-2:15
EvS - Scooby Gang	Thursday 1:30-2:30	Thursday 11:20-12:05	Thursday 12:05-12:50

A message from Daniel.....

This term the students will be continuing to talk about shopping, money and food. We will continue to practise requesting items, asking about prices and counting money. Later in the term we will look at the similarities and differences between restaurants in Japan and Australia and the importance of convenience stores in Japan. The students will also be learning /revising the hiragana alphabet.

A message from Sally.....

This term in physical education, we are fortunate to have the expertise of ACT orienteering coaches who have mapped our school and will be teaching us the skills of map reading and navigation, using a compass. This is part of the Sporting Schools funding initiative. We will also be participating and recording the results of the multistage fitness 'beep' test, a universally recognised cardiovascular fitness test. Towards the end of term, students will have the opportunity to participate in some AFL sessions. Australian Football League coaches will be visiting Latham for four sessions to teach the skills of kicking, marking and handballing, whilst incorporating a range of fun, agility based games aimed at junior players. There will also be the chance to try 30 minute Oz tag clinics in the middle of the term. Please ensure you dress in warm, comfortable clothes and suitable shoes, as we will be outdoors for the majority of our lessons.

A message from Amanda.....

This term in the arts, the students will be studying dance - focussing on the style of Australian Bush Dancing as well as exploring dance in the Australian Aboriginal culture. The lessons will concentrate on developing their skills in, and understanding of, how dance communicates meaning through the elements of dance and the use of choreographic devices. During the term the students will have the opportunity to choreograph and perform their own dance sequences in small groups.

Thing to Remember:

Please make sure that you check out the school calendar for this term when it is sent out - this term is very busy with special events for Science week, book week and literacy and numeracy week. There are also plans for an author visit, a walking excursion to Kippax shops, banking workshops and of course at the end of term years 5 and 6 will be hosting the school market day, and there will be plenty of practice for the school concert which will be in the last week of term! Come August hats will be back on during play and physical education lessons, so make sure you search for it and get it labelled so it is ready.

We look forward to a successful third term!

Emma van Smethills, Laura Ryan, Erin Weston and executive teacher Melissa Mongan