

Term 4 2018 - Year 5/6

Class

5/6 MP - Space Invaders
5/6 EM - Ghosts
5/6 EW - PacMan
Year 5/6 Executive Teacher

Teacher

Millicent Peattie
Emma McGuire
Erin Weston
Daniel Manestar



Welcome to Term 4 and another exciting term of learning.
What a great year we have had so far!

Technologies

In term 4 students will be looking at algorithms, binary code, and augmented reality. They will be planning concept maps for games. This topic will enable students to explore digital technologies.

Geography

Our inquiry this semester will have the students exploring various countries around the world and their unique characteristics. They will inquire into the connections between humans and the environment. Students will be learning about cartographic conventions and applying them when creating their own maps.

English

During English sessions this term, students will participate in a variety of learning activities focusing on reading, writing and spelling. This term's unit of work involves a focus on writing to entertain and students will be writing a narrative. The writing process will be followed, with students taking a piece of work from planning and drafting, through to editing and publishing.

Maths

We will continue to use the Middle Years Mental Computation program in 5/6 to focus on mental computation strategies, in particular, fractions, decimals, and the four operations (+, -, X and /). The students should continue daily practise, using their number cards, at home. Our other focus areas for the term will be algebra, chance and probability, time, and square and triangular numbers.

Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)

This term we are using the Friendly Schools Plus program, as this is a whole school focus. The program aligns with the Australian Curriculum and provides evidence-based social and emotional learning to reduce bullying. It is designed to improve social knowledge and social skills and to promote positive peer relationships and teacher-student relationships.

Library:

Regular library times each week: MP - Monday 2:15-3, EM & EW - Wednesday 2-3pm.

Specialist Programs

Class	Japanese - Daniel	PE - Sally	Performing Arts - Amanda
EW - PacMan	Thursday 12:05 - 12:50	Friday 2:15 -3:00	Thursday 11:20 - 12:05
EM - Ghosts	Friday 12:05 - 12:50	Thursday 11:20 - 12:05	Thursday 12:05 - 12:50
MP - Space Invaders	Thursday 11:20 - 12:05	Thursday 12:05 - 12:50	Friday 11:20 - 12:05

A message from Daniel

This term our first focus will be on the hiragana alphabet. The students will review the alphabet, practise the pronunciation and the writing of each of the 46 characters and play games to become familiar with recognising and reading them. After reviewing hiragana, the students will be taking an in depth examination of life in Japan including school life and how it compares to theirs. At the end of the term, we will be comparing new year celebrations in Japan and Australia and identifying similarities and differences.

A message from Sally

In the final term this year, Year 5 and 6 students will be outside for most of our physical education lessons. Students are reminded to wear appropriate shoes and to bring a hat and water bottle. The first part of the term we will be learning the skills and tactics of ultimate Frisbee. This is a popular international sport that combines the skills of several field sports. It is played on a long, wide field with two end scoring zones and is a non-contact sport. In the latter part of the year, we will be focusing on netball skills, such as throwing, catching, pivoting and teamwork in order to play modified and structured netball games. In the last week, we will do a choice of fun games. During weeks 7 swimming lessons at CISAC will be offered to all students.

A message from Amanda

In the Arts, this term the students are learning about music. The lessons will be aimed at building upon the concepts covered in term 3 (i.e. the key elements of music) and will involve both group and individual activities covering musical composition, theory and response tasks. They will also continue to investigate and compare how music communicates meaning in a variety of contexts – including historical and cultural.

Things to Remember:

- 19th November - 1st December - Swimming
- Wednesday, 19th December - Year 6 Graduation and Dinner Disco

We're excited about a successful fourth term!

Emma McGuire, Millie Peattie, Erin Weston and executive teacher Daniel Manestar