

5/6B Term 3 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 3! I hope everyone has had a lovely break and have recharged the batteries ready for a busy and exciting term!



Key Dates

Sunday 05/08	Working Bee
Friday 10/08	Green House Fundraiser
Tuesday 21/08	Book Week Rotations
Wednesday 22/08	Whole School Concert Rehearsal
Monday 27/08	District Athletics Carnival (selected students)
Tuesday 28/08	Father's Day Stall
Thursday 30/08	School Concert
Tuesday 11/09	Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation Incursion
Thursday 13/09	Footy Colours Day
Friday 21/09	Last Day of Term 3 (2:30pm Dismissal)

School Concert

For this year's concert, our class' theme is the 1980's. During our weekly concert practice, we have been looking at clothing trends from the period (fluro, double denim, leg warmers, leather jackets, big hair, etc). As the concert is quickly approaching, we ask that families begin to organise their costumes. This will be the last school concert for Year 5 and Year 6 students, so it would be wonderful to see everyone dress up, have fun and make the most of the experience!



6+1 Traits of Writing

This term, we have launched our new writing program, '6+1 Traits of Writing'. Over the duration of the term, students will explore each trait in detail and use the traits to analyse their own and other's writing. It has been wonderful to see students already using the 6+1 Traits vocabulary to discuss writing.

6+1 Traits: Ideas, Organisation, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, Conventions and Presentation.

Natural Disasters

Our inquiry unit for Term 3 is 'Natural Disasters'. During this unit, students will develop their understanding of the term, 'natural disaster', and explore how different disasters are caused, where they occur as well as the impacts they have on society. Students will also investigate warning systems and methods for prevention for potential disasters.



Students will be exploring natural disasters through a range of curriculum areas including Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Art, Information Technology and Design Technology.

The Diary

If you have any reason to communicate via the diary, please ensure your child lets me know so that I can attend to it immediately. Students must bring their diaries every day along with their purple folder.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo has been set up so that you are able to connect with your child's learning and communicate with myself. Make sure you are connected so you can keep up to date with what's happening in the classroom!



Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance is extremely important for your child's learning! All absences must be covered by a note or a phone call from home. Please inform the office of any extended absences or holidays outside of the regular school holiday periods.

Term 3 Rotations

Each class will have a two week block with each of the following rotations this term. Rotations are on Fridays 11:10am - 12:50pm.



WEBSITES: Students will learn the features of a website and understand how different types of websites are structured. Students will have the opportunity to create their own website, based on a personal interest, by incorporating elements such as text, titles, navigation menus, images and videos.

COOKING: Students will be working in teams to follow recipes and use fresh ingredients to make healthy snacks. They will learn the importance of hygiene when preparing food, how to use kitchen tools carefully and responsibly, and how to read and follow instructions in recipes. Students will bring a notice home regarding cost for this rotation.



DIGITAL MEDIA: Students will have the opportunity to explore two new iPad apps: Stop Motion Animation and iMovie with Green Screen. Students will learn the techniques of animation and how to utilise digital resources for filming.

PERFORMING ARTS: Students will participate in improvisation activities and learn to use movement, emotions and voice to create and communicate a character's intentions. Students will also work cooperatively with their peers to rehearse and perform scripted drama to engage an audience.



Homework

Homework tasks are as follows:

- Reading minimum 20 minutes every evening
- Spelling four points worth of activities each week
- Maths minimum two nights a week on study ladder
- Projects due every three weeks

Mindfulness and Running



We are continuing our Mindfulness and Running sessions this term. It is important that students are at school by 8:45am. We are aware of the time demands in the morning in a busy household, and appreciate the efforts made to have students arrive on time to take advantage of this important start to the day.

Mobile Phones

Please remember that mobile phones are not allowed at school. If your child requires a phone, it needs to be handed in at the office in the morning and can be collected at home time.



Cold Weather

Now that Winter is well and truly here, it is important for the children to be dressed appropriately for the weather. If your child does not want to wear their school jacket/jumper in the morning, please ensure that it is packed in their school bag. Well done to those students who come equipped with rain jackets and coats on these cold days.



Winter is also a time for colds and sneezes. If your child is sick, please consider if they would benefit from a few days of rest at home. If your child is unwell, it can be difficult for them to concentrate for a whole day at school. Thank you to those families who have contributed to our class supply of tissue boxes. If you have not already contributed a box, your help in adding to our supply would be appreciated.



Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or would just like to pop in for a chat.

Kind regards,
Miss Borland.

Term 3 Timetable

Monday	9:00am - 9:50am	STEM
	9:50am - 10:40am	Concert Practice
	2:40pm - 3:30pm	Assembly
Tuesday	11:10am - 12:00pm	Music
Wednesday	1:50pm - 2:40pm	PE
	2:40pm - 3:30pm	LOTE
Thursday	9:50am - 10:40am	Art
	2:40pm - 3:30pm	Concert Practice
Friday	9:00am - 10:40am	Sport
	11:10am - 12:50pm	Rotations