

Stage Two Newsletter and Overview Term 2, 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Term 2! This term is set to be very productive as we have settled into our routines and procedures. The students have written their Smart Goals and worked on their organisation skills to maximise their learning.

Winter Sport will commence this term. Students will participate in PSSA or the development squad for either netball, soccer or rugby. Please remember to wear appropriate footwear and sun protection and bring a water bottle for these activities. Please note that for winter sport we leave at 12.15pm and return by 3.15pm.

The Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival field events is on Wednesday, 22 June and the Kindergarten to Year 6 Athletics Carnival track events are on Wednesday, 29 June at Trumper Oval.

Wakkakirri rehearsals begin this term. If your child is involved, please ensure they arrive at school on Wednesday morning by 8.10am to commence on Wednesday mornings, beginning next Wednesday, 11 May.

Year 4 Subject Rotations

The students will have rotations for History, Art and Maths. Ms Noble will be teaching Year 4 Art and Ms Andersen will be teaching Geography. Students will participate in maths rotations between the two classes.

Year 3 NAPLAN

A reminder that NAPLAN will be held in Weeks 3 and 4 from Tuesday, 10 May to Friday, 20 May. It will begin with the Writing assessment on Tuesday, 10 May. These assessments are now mostly online. As such, if your child owns a pair of headphones or earphones, can you please send them in as soon as possible.

Stage 2 Teachers

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English

	Speaking & Listening	Reading & Viewing	Writing & Representing
Focus	Communicates in a range of informal and formal contexts, and develops public speaking skills.	Students use an integrated range of skills, strategies and knowledge to fluently read and comprehend a wide range of texts in different media.	Students compose, edit and present well-structured and coherent persuasive texts, information reports and narratives.
Skills & Activities	<p>Persuasive devices in speeches.</p> <p>Plan and deliver a variety of prepared and impromptu speeches.</p> <p>Language suited to audience.</p> <p>Critical evaluation as a listener.</p>	<p>Identifying language features.</p> <p>Discussing cohesion.</p> <p>Compare and contrast.</p> <p>Read and respond to a variety of genres.</p> <p>Demonstrate a variety of reading strategies.</p>	<p>Use of subheadings, paragraphing, editing</p> <p>Using a variety of persuasive devices.</p> <p>Use a variety of punctuation.</p> <p>Use increasingly sophisticated vocabulary.</p>

	Critical evaluation as a listener.	reading strategies.	
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Maths

(Based on the Stepping Stones Maths Program)

	Year 3	Year 4
Module 4	Three-digit numbers; addition and subtraction strategies; units of measurement	Subtraction-formal algorithm and exploring other strategies
Module 5	Number and place value Fractions and decimals Units of measurement	Division Equivalent fractions Perimeter Temperature
Module 6	Number and place value Shape Location and transformation	Addition-formal algorithm and word problems Multiplication and division-nines facts 2D shapes Tessellating designs

Science

The students will be studying the unit, Earth's Changing Surface. In this unit, students will investigate how and why natural processes and human actions change the Earth's surface over time. They will identify evidence of change through exploring rocks and fossils and investigate how erosion is caused by human activity. Students will question, plan and conduct scientific investigations into the formations of landforms and weathering.

History

The students will be learning about the traditional lifestyles and cultural practices of Australia's first nation's people. The events in Europe during the latter part of the 18th century that led to the colonisation of Sydney, the voyages of Captain Cook and the First Fleet. This unit will continue into Term 3.

Creative Arts

In visual arts, students will create artworks which include the elements of colour, form, line, shape, space, and texture. Artworks will align with the units of history and other topics. Students will learn about the different components of drama, such as mime, space and play building. In small groups students will act out short stories and create their own plays.

PDHPE

The students will be studying the You Can Do It unit on Relationships (values, character strengths and getting along). As a part of the unit, students will discuss how to work well with peers and be helpful in group and team situations. They will also identify and practice strategies to resolve conflict as well as identifying characteristics of a good leader.

Students will participate in Cyber Safety lessons which will teach the children strategies to deal with unsafe scenarios while using the internet.

The Smiling Mind Mindfulness program will continue with a focus on movement, recognising emotions, managing emotions, self-compassion and optimism.

In physical education, students will participate in Got Game activities focusing on athletics skills in preparation for the school's athletics carnival and they will also engage in Winter sport on Fridays after first break.

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