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5/6 Overview Term Four 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our final term for the year. How quickly has this year flown? This term students will be participating in inter-school sport. We say goodbye to our grade sixes with a special graduation ceremony at the end of the year.

Important Dates:

- 20th October – Interschool sports start
- 20th October – Twilight working bee
- 30th October – Fun Run
- 7th November – Melbourne Cup Day
- 12th December – Year 6 transition day
- 15th December – Student reports sent home
- 19th December – Grade 6 graduation
- 22nd December – Reservoir Views Got Talent and last day of term!

Communication Processes

If you need to contact your child's home group teacher please leave a message at the front office or write a message in the student diary and we will contact you as soon as possible. Teachers are available to have pre-arranged meetings in person when the need arises. Please feel free to contact us by phone or email the school.

Home Learning Expectations:

Home work will continue to be a weekly expectation. There will be spelling based activities and weekly mathematics home learning. Your child will be expected to complete and submit their home learning by Friday every week. **Your** child will be expected to read daily, learn set spelling words and complete a number problem each week. Once again, it is of vital importance for students to read daily and bring their home reading books to school **every day**. Students are required to show the teachers their diary each day so teachers can see that students are reading daily.

Uniform Expectations:

All students are expected to be in **full school uniform**. Students need to wear the appropriate school uniform for interschool sport. Please remember that your child should have a water bottle each day as teachers allow students to have a drink whenever they feel the need. This is especially important for Friday interschool sport.

Our uniform is navy blue pants and a light blue top. Black shorts or black tracksuit/leggings and assorted colored jumpers are not part of our uniform and should not be worn to school.

All students must wear a school hat for all outdoor activities. Students who do not have their school hat cannot participate in outdoor activities, which includes outside PE lessons as well as recess and lunch breaks.

Key Learning Areas:

English - This term students will be learning how to infer the meaning of a text from a picture or vocabulary in a text. Students will be explicitly taught how to use the forms and rules of grammar. In our writing sessions, students will be writing narratives and information reports which link to our inquiry unit on earthquakes.

Math - The maths number focus is on the use of brackets and order of operations to write number sentences. Students will develop their own word problems and practise selecting the correct process for calculating these problems. We will also investigate how to convert decimals into percentages and calculate percentage discounts.

Inquiry - Students will develop knowledge and understanding of how earthquakes happen and their effects. They will learn how sudden geological changes such as earthquakes can affect Earth's surface. Students will understand the different magnitudes affect the Earth's surface. Students will investigate the layers of the Earth and tectonic plate movement.

Social and Emotional Learning - We will revisit resilience plans that were developed in term three. We will be investigating what makes a good relationship and the importance of belonging in the classroom, team and school. Students will be developing strategies to problem solve so they can return to a positive frame of mind.

P.E - The Summer sports program will be running this term. All grade 5 /6 children will be involved in the interschool sports on Friday. The games being played are rounders, bat tennis, kanga cricket and hard ball cricket. Skills for these games will be practiced during class lessons.

Italian - This term students will develop their communicative language skills further by participating in activities that will continue building on everyday conversations in Italian to improve further use of correct pronunciation, intonation and culturally appropriate gestures. Throughout the term, students will work individually and collaboratively to research natural disasters of Italy. This topic will tie into their classroom inquiry topic. Students will also be looking at classic Italian stories, and create a book for younger years. Later in the term, students will be comparing cultures through similarities and differences during 'Natale' (Christmas).

Art - In Term 4, Year 5/6 activities will concentrate on *collage* and *mixed media*. The students will create works of art using a variety of media including: threads, textiles, papers, fabric, clay and found objects. They will view art work by collage artists and illustrators and compare their works and how they communicate and express their ideas. They will continue to explore design elements such as line, shape, colour, texture and space.

The students will study the works of various textile artists and finish their collaborative Great Barrier Reef Murals. They will explore ancient and contemporary ceramics for inspiration for making '3D Floral Tiles' resembling floral emblems of Australian states and territories. All year levels will make floral themed tiles to be displayed around RVPS at the end of the year.

The students will also focus on illustrator, *Jeannie Baker's* collages from the book 'Window' and create mixed media collages in response.

Graduation:

The year 6 graduation is on Tuesday 19th December. Please keep this date free while you are planning end of year events and get together. It will be held in the multi-purpose room beginning at 7pm. Further information will be sent home regarding the graduation towards the middle of this term.

Inter-school Sport:

Inter-school sport is on each Friday this term starting next week. This term the sports include: rounders, bat tennis, Kanga cricket and hard ball cricket. Children get picked up at approximately 12:30pm. Children are required to pay bus fares for all away games. A sports fixture will be sent home with all students to ensure that you know which games require a bus fare payment.

At this stage, training for these sports will occur Wednesday afternoons.

We are looking forward to another exciting term!

Kind Regards

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