

5/6 Overview Term Three 2017

Dear Parents,

Wow, we are already half-way through the year! We have many exciting activities such as an excursion to our State Parliament, debating at Reservoir High for grade five students, basketball and soccer tournaments.

We will be covering two inquiry units this term. Our unit is about civics and citizenship which focuses on our system of government in Australia. Our second unit is about using digital technologies. Students will continue to work on reinforcing our school values of Respect, Resilience and Love of Learning and how we need to use our values in everyday school life.

Important Dates:

- 19th July - Alpha Show 'The Snow Queen'
- 20th July – Reservoir High School debating competition
- 20th July – 5/6 B State Parliament excursion
- 24th July – Curriculum Day
- 31st July – 5/6 A State Parliament excursion
- 9th August – Grade 6 students notified of their secondary placements
- 11st August – Reservoir High School Basketball tournament
- 17th August - Reservoir High School debating competition
- 31st August - Reservoir High School Soccer tournament
- 7th September – School concert
- 20th September - Reservoir High School debating competition

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.

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.

Key Learning Areas:

We will continue to set learning intentions and success criteria for student learning. Clear learning intentions and success criteria help students to know where they are going, monitor their progress, and know what to do next to make further progress.

English – This term students will be learning how to speak to an audience and participate in debating. Our writing complements our speaking and listening as students will continue to refine their ability to write a persuasive argument that will be used for their debate. Students will also write explanations and poetry. In reading groups we will focus on Reader's Theatre to help with reading fluency and performing to an audience.

Math - The Math number focus is on identifying factors and multiples, prime and composite numbers. Exploring the use of brackets and order of operations to write number sentences. Students will be converting common units of measurements in length, mass, capacity and time.

Inquiry - The students will be focusing on two inquiry units this term. The first half of the term students will learn about our government. What is our parliamentary system and how it works. Our second inquiry unit is about digital technologies. This unit provides our students with hands on activities that will explore how our computers operate using the binary system. Students will also have the opportunity to create their own computer program using 'Scratch'.

Social and Emotional - We will continue to teach wellbeing techniques designed by the Berry Street Program to help develop self-regulation and being ready to learn. Students will continue to learn about how to be present, centred and grounded during stressful situations. They will also learn various techniques such as mindful grounding, kindness meditation, mindful conversations, using mindful music and mindful play to help them be better learners.

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During term three the grade five and six students will be involved in basketball and indoor soccer tournaments. Skills to support these games will be practiced. The children will be developing movement sequences and exercises to music. Newcomb and volleyball will be our indoor games.

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Italian:

This term the year 5/6 students be learning about Italian cuisine and language around 'I cibi' (food). Throughout the term, students will research the background of food's origin and create a menu for their own restaurant. Communicative language activities will continue to build on students' everyday conversations in Italian.

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Kind Regards

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