



## Welcome to Lower Division 2026 Term 1 Overview

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term One 2026! It is so exciting to see our returning students, and we are so pleased to welcome our new friends to our classroom

We have commenced our first units for the year in a range of subjects and are excited to see how our learning progresses.

In English, we have been studying Context, discussing how our own experiences shape our view of the world around us. Our mentor texts "The Wild Guide to Starting School" and "Whoever You Are" tell stories of others are starting their school journey, and we can look at our own experiences compare to theirs.

Our English units are studied for two weeks, and for the remainder of the term our topics will be Narrative, Perspective (Representation), Perspective (Argument) and Imagery, Symbol and Connotation. We will share more details on these units as the term progresses.

In Mathematics, we have looked at how we use our mathematical skills every day in many different ways, from counting to recognising patterns to understanding directions. We have enjoyed working with concrete materials to prove how our counting works, and enjoyed using our whiteboard to identify and group shapes. This is part of our unit titles "Collections of 10 are really useful". Our units for the rest of the term are "Patterns have something that repeats over and over again", "What needs to be measured determines the unit of measurement", "Smaller numbers can be found hiding in bigger numbers" and "New shapes can be made from existing shapes".

Our Science unit examines "Living Things and how they survive", defining what makes something a living thing and what they need to survive. We are studying "Australia's water environments" in Geography this term, where we examine everything from coastal estuaries to rivers, lakes, dams and beaches.

Lower Division is lucky enough to have Music each Thursday, and we will be starting our Aniwan Language lessons this Thursday.

Our Library Day will be Friday, and we will have Scripture (for participating students) and whole school sport on this day as well.

Homework will be available for students from this week. Homework is not mandatory and students are not required to complete this work. All learning areas are covered in class, and homework does not replace any content that is taught in class.

If you have any queries about our learning this year please let me know and we will be happy to assist.

Mr Ridley