



Grade 6 Newsletter - Term 4

Welcome back to the final term of primary school!

As we enter the last term of your child's primary school journey, we're preparing for a busy and exciting few months. Here's what's coming up:

English

This term, we'll finish reading *Us Mob Wallawuru* by David Spillman and Lisa Wilyuka. Our focus will also be on understanding independent and dependent clauses, as well as subordinating conjunctions. In writing, the students will be crafting an informative recount of the 1967 Australian Referendum, exploring the significant events that led to this pivotal moment. We'll also continue working on morphology, sentence structure, and writing syntax to develop stronger, more confident writers.

Maths

We have a comprehensive focus this term:

- **Area, Perimeter, and Volume:** Exploring how to calculate the space around and inside various shapes.
- **Fraction Operations:** Strengthening our understanding of how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions.
- **Chance:** Investigating probability and chance through fun and practical activities, learning to calculate the likelihood of different outcomes.

Graduation

Our Grade 6 Graduation theme for this year is "Black and White." We encourage students to add a touch of black and white to their outfits for the big night! We also ask that you provide a school photo from each year of your child's primary schooling, from Prep through to Grade 6, to help them create "Memory Books." These will be personal scrapbooks reflecting their primary school years and will be on display during graduation. Please send a scrapbook and any decorations your child might want to include for their project.

Topic

This term, we are diving into both unplugged and digital coding. **Unplugged coding** involves learning the principles of coding and problem-solving without using technology, encouraging students to think logically and follow precise steps. We'll complement this with digital coding, where students will use programs like Scratch to create and explore interactive projects, enhancing their understanding of how coding can be used in real-world applications.

Religious Education

In Religious Education, we will be learning about the birth of Jesus, focusing on the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 1:18-25). Students will recontextualise this story, applying its themes to our world today.

Respectful Relationships

Our Respectful Relationships focus this term will be on stress. We'll explore the different types of stress (both good and bad), what can cause stress in our lives, and, most importantly, strategies we can use to manage it effectively.

Important Dates

- **Beachside Athletics:** Tuesday, 15th October
- **Beachside Division Basketball:** Thursday, 24th October
- **Year 6 Big Day Out Celebration:** Date to be confirmed
- **Last Day of School & Graduation Night:** Monday, 16th December

We look forward to a fantastic and meaningful final term with your child as we prepare to celebrate their achievements at graduation!