

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

LITERACY & NUMERACY

This week in Content Knowledge we have begun a new topic: The Human Body. Our students are really enjoying building on their knowledge from previous years. One of our Year 3 students contributed to our information this week with this fact: Did you know that if you stand up with your arms by your sides, your elbows are roughly in the same position as your kidneys?

In Text Construction students are providing supporting details when given a topic sentence. They are then using an SPO to complete a paragraph about various systems in the human body.

In Numeracy we are continuing to explore addition and subtraction with renaming. Students have solved equations using vertical addition and subtraction as well as using concrete materials to support their understanding.

SKILL IN FOCUS: ANSWERING QUESTIONS.

We have been focusing on strategies to ensure we are answering questions correctly in Literacy and Numeracy. Using the CUBES strategy in Numeracy when solving worded equations has supported Middle students to ensure they understand what the question is asking first before solving it. We will continue using this strategy throughout the year.

CUBES
Problem-Solving Strategy

- C** Circle the numbers.
- U** Underline the question.
- B** Box the key words.
- E** Eliminate extra information.
Evaluate: What steps do I take?
- S** Solve and check.

UPCOMING LEARNING

Content Knowledge & Text Construction: The Human Body

Numeracy: Addition & Subtraction

House Sports: Athletics preparation

Personal Learning: The Zones of Regulation

Indigenous Studies: Country & Place

