



GRADE 5 CLASS NEWSLETTER

TERM 3, 2026

FROM THE TEACHERS

Welcome to Term 3,

We have a busy term ahead, so please be mindful of some key dates listed below, along with keeping an eye out in the newsletter. We have a range of things on the agenda including learning conversations, pupil free days and other school wide events.

Our OCHRE units will continue this term, and we are delving deeper into two new texts which will complement our writing foci of informative and narrative writing.

The students will be reading the following novels in Term 3.

[‘Tom Appleby, Convict Boy.’](#) by Jackie French - Historical Fiction

(Please note some sensitive topics and language are touched on in this book. Please be open to conversations with your child about the history of the Early Settlers in Australia – see link above)

[‘The Grandest Bookshop in the World.’](#) by Amelia Mellor – Magical Realism

(This novel also touches on some sensitive topics such as the passing of a sibling. Again, regular conversations at home will assist your child in navigating more complex texts – see link above)

In Maths, we will revisit and extend on previously taught concepts such as fractions and decimals, so we highly encourage supporting your child to build confidence and automaticity with multiplication facts. We will also be learning about how to categorise and measure angles, how to use the first quadrant of a cartesian plane and compare and select units of measurement for length, mass and capacity.

As always, if you have any further questions or wonderings, please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

The Year 5 Team (Michelle Cole, Joe Greene, Lanika Thompson & Josh Smith)

OUR TERM 3 LEARNING INTENTIONS

Religious Education

We are learning to...

- understand that our identity is shaped by God's love, our gifts and strengths, our relationships, and our experiences as members of the Church community.
- make respectful and responsible choices by using Gospel values to guide our actions and care for others.
- understand that we are called to continue the mission of Jesus through our words and actions.
- identify ways we can serve others and make a positive difference in our school and community as followers of Jesus.

English

We are learning to...

- establish school and home reading routines including learning to be active and engaged readers who can choose good fit texts.
- read fluently and respond to queries from our class texts *Tom Appleby*, *Convict Boy* and *The Grandest Bookshop in the World*.
- write information reports and narratives.
- increase comprehension through extending our vocabulary and background knowledge.
- include simple, compound and complex sentences using correct punctuation.
- identify past, present and future tense.
- identify the difference between a First-Person and Third-Person point of view.
- spell words with Greek and Latin origins.

Mathematics

We are learning to...

- order, represent, add & subtract fractions with the same or related denominators
- estimate, construct and measure angles in degrees
- use place value to write and order decimals including decimals greater than one
- choose and use appropriate metric units to measure the attributes of length, mass and capacity
- use grid coordinates to locate and move positions

Humanities

We are learning to...

- Explain why China valued certain resources

and benefited from importing those resources.

- Identify resources necessary to sustain and improve life as well as the availability of those resources as a driving factor of human history.
- Describe the development and impacts of the Silk Road over time.

Health/RRRR

- We are learning to develop a positive sense of self by recognising our strengths, building resilience, and understanding the changes that occur during adolescence.
- We are learning to value diversity and make responsible choices that support healthy relationships and wellbeing in our school and community.

IMPORTANT DATES – Term 3 2026

- Monday 13th July – First day of Term 3
- Thursday 23rd July – Learning Conversations **School Closure Day**
- Wednesday 5th August – **School Closure Day**
- Thursday 13th August – Feast of the Assumption Mass
- Monday 24th August – Book Week begins
- Friday 28th August – Book Week Parade
- Friday 4th September – Footy colours day
- Thursday 10th September – Grade 5 Unit Mass
- Friday 18th September – Last day of Term 3 (2:30 pm finish)

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SPECIALIST DAYS

 Science	5MC - Friday 5JG - Friday 5JS – Monday
 The Arts	5MC - Monday 5JG - Friday 5JS - Friday
 Indonesian	5MC - Friday 5JG - Monday 5JS - Friday
 Physical Education	Mrs Woods PE: Tuesday Year 5 Class PE: Friday
 Library	All classes - Thursday Beginning Week 2