

YEAR 5 TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

THIS TERM IN GRADE 5

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a relaxing break and are excited for the term ahead.

Literature Circles will be starting soon. If you're available to help, please add your name to the sign up sheet.

A reminder to please pack a healthy lunch each day, along with a fruit or vegetable snack for our daily freggie time. A full lunch supports students' energy and focus for learning.

With camp coming up in Term 3, you may wish to begin preparing your child with sleepovers to help build confidence and independence.

Our whole-school value this term is Kindness, and we look forward to exploring and celebrating this in our classroom and around the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us provide the best learning experiences for your children.

REMINDERS

- Please remember to read for 20 minutes at least 4 nights per week. Please remember to log these in the school diaries.
- Diaries need to be brought to school on Friday along with Library bag
- Please ensure you have access to the nForma parent portal

SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

Monday	Literature Circles
Wednesday	STEM PE
Thursday	Auslan Performing Arts
Friday	Library Buddy Lunch

UPCOMING EVENTS

8 th May	Mother's Day Breakfast
18 th May	District Cross Country
22 nd May	Prayer Service (Kindness)
1 st June	Division Cross Country
2 nd June	Camp Information Night
5 th June	Grandparents Morning
11 th June	Winter Gala Day
19 th June	Year Level Mass

LITERACY

In Year 5 Literacy, students continue to develop their reading skills through a range of engaging texts and discussions. They explore *How Was That Built?* to build understanding of informational texts, and take part in Literature Circles to share ideas and deepen comprehension. Through the novel *Black Cockatoo*, students will practise analysing characters and themes, while poetry units will encourage them to explore language, rhythm, and meaning in different forms.

In writing, students apply these reading experiences to create their own texts. They learn to write clear explanations, develop character analyses based on *Black Cockatoo*, and craft historical narratives with attention to detail and structure. Students also experiment with poetry and poetic language to express ideas creatively.

In spelling, there is a focus on understanding how words are built, including exploring Latin roots such as *struct*, *pulse*, and *script/scribe*, helping students make connections between words and improve their spelling accuracy.

HISTORY

Students will focus on Australian History in the 1800s, with particular attention to the gold rush and its impact on society. They will explore why people migrated to Australia in search of gold, what life was like on the goldfields, and how communities changed during this time. Students will also examine key events such as the Eureka Stockade, considering how it reflected growing concerns about fairness and representation. They will also examine how it contributed to early ideas about rights and democracy, including movements toward suffrage.

RELIGION

In Religion, students explore key events and ideas within the Christian tradition. They will deepen their understanding of Easter and its significance, and examine the Eucharist as a way of building and strengthening community. Students also learn about Pentecost and the role of the Holy Spirit in the Church, and are introduced to the concept of pilgrimage, reflecting on why people undertake journeys of faith and what these experiences can represent.

MATHS

In maths, students learn to calculate perimeter and area, and develop their understanding of fractions and decimals by comparing and using them in everyday contexts like money and measurement. Students also practise reading timetables, converting units, and solving problems involving time.

In geometry and probability, students will explore the features of 2D and 3D shapes, including angles, symmetry, and faces. They will also investigate chance through simple experiments, learning to make and explain predictions. Across all areas, there will be a focus on applying skills to real-life situations and clearly explaining their thinking.

CONTACT INFO

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