



TERM 2: 18 April - 30 June

April, 2017

Dear Senior School Parents,

Welcome to term 2! Students in the Senior School are prepared and focused for the new term. We would like to welcome Mr Callum MacKenzie to our senior team.

English- Reading

Our learning focus for term 2 is the continuation of the skills learnt in first term via reciprocal reading groups. Students have been placed into groups of 5-6 students to read, think, respond and discuss a text using the comprehension strategies of predicting, questioning, clarifying and summarising.

English- Writing

Our learning focus for all students this term is persuasive writing pieces, whereby students will revise the structure of persuasive pieces with emphasis on the 6 stages of writing (planning, drafting, revising, editing, evaluating and publishing). In the planning and drafting stages students will research their topic and find evidence to support their persuasive arguments.

Mathematics

Our students will continue to be engaged in differentiated instructions. In their classrooms, they will engage in whole class and small group instruction. This term there will be a particular focus on using units of measurement, chance and probability and data representation and interpretation. On Wednesday morning (9:00- 9:50) all students have been placed into groups to focus on problem solving strategies to either support, extend or enrich their learning. At this time our Maths Olympiad Team works with Ms Nitsos.

Homework

A reminder that our expectations are the completion of the homework contract for the week. Spelling words are written into the contract and practised at home. Nightly reading should be recorded in the student planner and *Mathletics* tasks related to our class work completed. If you have any queries regarding the homework please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Inquiry

Our Inquiry unit is titled 'Rising Salt' and is biological science unit that examines living things' structural features and adaptations that help them to survive in their environment, and that the growth and survival of living things are affected by the physical conditions of their environment. This unit will enable the senior school students to utilise the discovery centre for our science lessons.

Physical Education/ Sport

Senior school students will have a 50 mins P.E. lesson with Miss Knell as well as a 50 mins sport session on Wednesday and a 100 mins sport session on Friday. This term your child may either be involved in representing our school in winter sport against a neighbouring school or be involved in a sports' program within our school. The winter sports played are soccer, AFL footy, tee ball and netball. Students will be involved in the school cross country on the Thursday, 20th April. Students are to wear sports uniforms on Wednesday and Friday. (Please refer to our calendar items in the Newsletter for all sports' dates).

Transition Forms (yr 6)

Transition packs will be sent home in the first week of term 2. Please read through all information thoroughly and fill in, sign and return the **Application for Year 7 Placement form** that has details of your requested secondary school for your year 6 child in 2018 by **Friday, 12th May**. Any questions regarding transition please see Helen Karvela or Janice Miller.

NAPLAN - Year 5 students will be involved in NAPLAN testing on 9th, 10th, and 11th May (Tues- Thurs). Any queries please see the Year 5 class teachers.

Yours sincerely,

Year 5 Alex Nitsos (5AN), Steve Pertz (5SP), Rachel Wallace (5RW), Callum MacKenzie (5SJ)

Year 6 Janice Miller (6JM), Helen Karvela (6HK), Megan Stewart-North (6MN)