



TERM 3: 17th JULY – 22nd SEPTEMBER

30th June, 2017

Dear Senior School Parents,

Students in the Senior School are preparing for a busy term 3.

English - Reading

Our learning focus for term 3 will be to continue to analyse text features that authors use, and revise strategies readers use to respond to text. In year 6, students will analyse novels in book club reading groups. In year 5, students will analyse small fiction and non-fiction texts in reciprocal reading groups. Some features studied will be characters, setting, dialogue and punctuation, and some strategies studied will be the use of prior knowledge and making connections with the text.

English – Writing and Spelling

In the first three weeks our learning focus for year 6 students is to reflect and write about their primary school memories, and year 5 students will focus on poetry. In week 4, the learning focus for all students will shift to effective note taking from research. This will support students to write a detailed information report about a specific country, which links with our inquiry focus. 'Words Their Way' is our new spelling and word study program. Students have been tested and grouped according to their spelling ability and they will study their word lists and complete activities relevant to these words.

Mathematics

Our students will continue to be engaged in differentiated learning through whole class and small group instruction. This term there will be a particular focus on aspects of number, including revision of number facts, and extending students' understanding of order of operations, fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also focus on statistics using data representation (graphing). On Wednesday morning (9:00- 9:50) all students are grouped 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.

Inquiry

Our learning focus will be a geography unit titled '*Connections around the World*'. Students will locate and interpret geographic data and maps of continents, major countries, cities and landmarks. Then students will study one country and investigate the diverse characteristics, including demographic, social and cultural characteristics, and explain its interconnections with other countries including Australia.

Homework

A reminder that homework is handed in weekly and consists of the homework contract for the week, Mathematics tasks that revise class work and recording of weekly reading in their student planner (diary).

Physical Education/Sport

On the first day of term your child will participate in the school athletics day on the **17th July**. Students will be involved in track and field events during the day. (Please refer to calendar items in the newsletter for all sports dates).

Concert

This will be held in week 3 over two nights (August 1st and 2nd), and the senior students perform on both nights. All information has been communicated through a note sent home on the last day of term 2 and via Compass.

REMINDERS

ICAS English – Monday 31st July, ICAS Maths –Tuesday, 15th August

Family Life- see information on Compass. Thursday, 27th July, 3rd August, 10th August

Yours sincerely,
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