

Year 5-6 news

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Welcome to Term 3

This term will see students engaging more thoroughly in Inquiry Learning approaches to their studies. This will occur through a focus on the development of the students' abilities in creating questions about topics and ideas that will be covered as part of the literacy and math foci, as well as developing their abilities to research ideas and questions within the Inquiry learning topics that will be completed.

Literacy

Students this term will be working on the further development of their skills in using the John Munro HRLTP reading strategies. These seven key strategies of; Getting Knowledge Ready, Vocabulary, Reading Aloud, Paraphrasing, Saying Questions the Text Answers, Summarising and Reviewing provide students with tools to critically analyse their read or viewed texts and assist in comprehending ideas across all text types and subject areas.

In writing this term, students will be working on procedural, persuasive and reflective pieces. They will be asked to conduct research and the gathering of ideas to support their written texts. Another focus will be for students to learn the basic structures of referencing their information sources. This is especially important as they start to prepare for year 7, where it will be expected that sources of information are referenced.

Numeracy

During term 3, students will be completing units of work around the ideas of angles, measurement including 2D and 3D shapes and the use of grids in math as well as continuing work with fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also continue to work on tasks around number fluency and understanding the 4 processes with whole numbers, decimals and fractions for those students who are academically ready. We will be continuing to use worded tasks and small group activities where possible to encourage a co-operative approach to student learning in math.

Inquiry

Our Inquiry learning unit this term will focus on students developing an understanding of technology changes. Our key question around this topic is 'How has technology transformed human life over the last 20 years?' Students of all ages are now engaged with a wide range of technology across many aspects of their lives and most students would use some sort of technology on a daily basis to complete tasks at school or at home. We would like for students to be able to research and inquire into technology use, both personally and as a student cohort and to evaluate how technology now affects things in their daily lives.

Homework Homework will be handed out each Thursday. It is expected that students complete this and return it by the following Wednesday.

Other Information and Important Dates

- Thursday 9th August – Australian Mathematics Competition.
- Friday 10th August – Year 5-6 basketball tournament at Reservoir District High School.
- Friday 31st August – Year 5-6 soccer tournament at Reservoir District High School.

Sam Taylor, Ritika Mahajan and Jo Wallis – Year 5-6 team.