

Dates for your Diary:

- 18th – 20th Oct Years 3 – 6 Camp
Campaspe Downs
- 27th Oct Assembly
- 6th Nov Curriculum Day
- 7th Nov Melbourne Cup Holiday
- 10th Nov Assembly
- 24th Nov Assembly
- 7th Dec Year 6 Graduation
- 8th Dec Curriculum Day
- 11th Dec Year 6 Silent Disco
- 12th Dec Year 7 Orientation Day
(Gov't schools)
2024 Step Up Day
- 14th Dec Year 5/6 Funfields
- 15th Dec Final Assembly
Farewell Year 6
Carols
- 20th Dec End of Term - 1.30pm

TERM 4

It is hard to believe that it is Term 4, where has the year gone! For our year 6's this is their last term at primary school before they embark on their next chapter – secondary school. The students will certainly be kept very busy this term with many exciting learning experiences and wonderful opportunities. To highlight a few things – 3 – 6 Camp next week, Yr 5's Captain's speeches, Dance Curriculum, Yr 6 Graduation and Funfields. It's full steam ahead or should we say, 'Order in the House!'

TERM 3

That's a wrap – Term 3 was certainly a busy term. The highlight for the term was 'Market Day'. The students worked cooperatively and collaboratively together to make the day a wonderful success. All stalls made a profit with some students saying that they could have sold even more product or services. The students voted on donating the profits on the day to 'Hayden's Helping Hands' which began when after Hayden visited USA and saw many homeless people. He decided he wanted to help homeless people at home in Australia. So HHH "was established to provide for the relief and alleviation of poverty, distress, misfortune and disadvantage suffered by people experiencing homelessness in Australia." The profits were \$1227.70. An amazing result and a worthy cause. Hopefully Hayden will be able to visit us later this term.



'Vote 1 – Federal Government':

Our inquiry unit this term is **Vote 1 – Federal Government (The Humanities –Civics & Citizenship)**. We will be focusing on the Australian Government and how this system is influenced by the Westminster system. The role of the monarchy and its representatives in Australia will be explored including the Governor-General. Throughout the unit, the students will become familiar with the roles and responsibilities of the three levels of government. They will explore how laws are initiated and passed. The students will investigate the values that underpin Australia's democracy and explain the importance of the electoral process.



LITERACY

WRITING: We have an amazing term ahead using our writing skills in many different ways. Our main focus this term is persuasive writing! The students will be encouraged to use emotive language, facts, modal verbs and persuasive phrases to express a point of view on a current issue or to make a change. Additionally, the 5/6s will gain further experience in notetaking when researching various areas of the Federal Government and great leaders of the world. Later, the year 5/6s will write their graduation or captaincy speeches.

READING: In reading, the 5/6 students will continue independent reading to build stamina. The skills of summarising, analysing, critiquing and inferring will be explored through various genres. During discussions in reading, the students will explore a deeper understanding of the themes or messages within a text, analyse and identify main characters and their character traits and feelings that impact the story, make inferences about the plot and make connections to their life, other texts and the world.

SPELLING/GRAMMAR: We continue to use the Soundwaves Spelling Program and Oxford Grammar to target specific ability levels through explicitly teaching and exploring key sounds and grammatical features to enhance student's word knowledge and understanding, in particular, using prefixes, suffixes and base word information.

MATHEMATICS: In Maths this term, our focus will be Multiplication, Division, Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. Through these topics, the students will continue to use the four processes drawing on their knowledge of quick number facts and times tables. (Please continue to encourage your child to learn their times tables.) In addition, the 5/6s will also collect and interpret data, explore the statistics and probability of events occurring.

SPECIALISTS

SCIENCE – Physical Science 5/6 will be looking at light through various materials that can be absorbed, reflected and refracted. Energy from a variety of sources can be used to generate electricity; electric circuits enable this energy to be transferred. The students will perform a variety of experiments.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: The Year 5/6 students will be extending a range of fundamental motor skills including throwing, catching, striking (special emphasis on cricket and softball/t-ball techniques), and ball bouncing. Students will explore these skills through playing a range of sports and modified games. However, it's not just about the physical aspects of sport; our students will also be focusing on the values that underpin their actions on the field. Ethical behaviour and fair play are at the forefront of their learning, aligning their actions with the rules of the game. Students also learn to communicate and problem-solve in teams or groups in movement settings.



GRADUATION & 2024 CAPTAINS

In the latter part of the term, the students will break off into year levels. The **year 6s** will focus on preparation for their **Graduation on Thursday 7th December**.

The **year 5s** will look at what makes a great leader, qualities that are common in leaders, who are the great leaders? They will write their **Captain speeches for 2024**. The 2024 captains will be announced at the final assembly.
More details later about the process and timeline.



Dance Curriculum

Dance Curriculum provide engaging workshops exploring a range of dance forms. We are lucky to have these instructors inspire our students and encourage a growth mindset with learning a new skill. "Our mission is to help children fall in love with learning."



Funfields

The much anticipated, annual end of year excursion is once again at Funfields, Whittlesea on **Thursday 14th December**. More details later.



That's a quick overview of term 4. It's a busy but fun one! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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