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YEAR FIVE NEWSLETTER Term 2

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Dear Parent/Caregiver,
Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you have had a safe and enjoyable break. Term 2 promises to be another great term and the children will be involved in many enjoyable and engaging programs.

Year 5 teachers will program collaboratively across all Key Learning Areas. This note will provide an overview of the teaching and learning programs for all Year 5 classes.

Visible Learning

Students are becoming more aware of the Learning Intentions and Success Criteria of their lessons, particularly with English and Mathematics. These Visible Learning techniques support the students to know how to improve their skills and give them knowledge of the next steps in their learning to reach their potential. Teachers are also using Learning Walls in their classrooms to support the students.

The Principal and Executive staff are now participating in regular Learning Walks across each grade. The students are being asked these set of questions:

What are you learning? How are you going? How do you know? How can you improve? Where do you go when you need help?

We will continue to gather data about students using Visible Learning to engage and enrich their learning.

Teaching and Learning activities for this term include:

English

Our focus this term will be on imaginative (narrative) writing. Students will participate in modelled, guided and independent activities, focusing on the language and stylistic features of a narrative text. An emphasis will be placed on the development of spelling strategies, grammar and punctuation within these written texts. 'Focus on Reading' comprehension strategies will continue to be taught, alongside fluency, vocabulary and word recognition activities.

Maths

Strands being covered this term include Whole Number, Fractions, Multiplication and Division, 2D Shape, 3D Shape and Angles. Working Mathematically outcomes will continue to be embedded in all topics through problem solving activities which encourage Mathematical reasoning and communication.

Geography

The Geography focus this term is to explore 'People, Places and Environments of the World.' Students will investigate how people change the natural environment in Australia and other places around the world. They will also explore how the environment influences the human characteristics of places. Complementing this Unit of work, Year 5 will be taking part in Project Penguin.

Term 2 Diary Dates

April 24th – SDD for Term 2 (staff only)

April 25th – ANZAC Day public holiday

April 26th – First day of Term 2 for students K-6

April 27th – ANZAC Day service 2:15pm

May 1st – Manly Selective Open Day

May 2nd – MWPS Cross Country

May 2nd – P&C 7pm General Meeting

May 2nd – Kim Cameron Aboriginal Artist

May 4th – Selective HS 2024 Yr 7 Test

May 8th-12th – Drama Festival Filming

May 11th – Year 5 Habitat Day Project Penguin

May 14th - Happy Mothers' Day!

May 15th – 9th June – Check In Assessments Year 4 and Year 6

May 16th – Yr 5 Project Penguin Day 1

May 17th – Yr 1 Excursion to Vaucluse House

May 18th -8am Performance Band Filming in Hall

May 18th – Yr 6 Cemetery walk excursion

May 19th – Walk Safely to School Day

May 22nd – Band Camp Yrs 4-6

May 23rd – Band Camp Year 3

May 24th – Yr 1 Excursion to Vaucluse House

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The project aims to increase student awareness of environmental issues in the local area, specifically the Little Penguins in Manly. Students design a conservation solution to protect, support and increase the breeding population of Manly's Little Penguins.

Science and Technology

In Term 2, Year 5 students will be exploring a topic within the Living World strand 'Adapting to Survive'. They will examine and understand that living things have structural and behavioural adaptations that help them to survive in their environment. They will investigate both plants and animals and some of their internal and external structures that function to support survival, growth and behaviour. Science will be taught by Mrs. Bellomo.

Classroom teachers will continue to use the range of the programs on GSuite Apps for Education in class to teach specific 21st Century Learner Skills, streamline learning activities and promote engagement of students. Further, Year 5 students will continue to participate in touch typing lessons during class time to develop typing speed and accuracy.

PDHPE/Sport

Students will develop intrapersonal and interpersonal relationships skills this term through the 'Bounce Back' program. Further, the 'Smiling Minds' program will foster student wellbeing through mindfulness activities focusing on topic such as; recognising and managing emotions, optimism and exploring personal strengths.

Year 5 students will participate in weekly dance lessons with Dance teacher, Amber Kruleich, in preparation for the 'Dance Expo' on 21st June. Students will also develop sporting skills and sportsmanship through PSSA and School Sport activities. Trials for Winter PSSA are currently being held.

CAPA

Students will develop their understanding of art elements and techniques, through creating art with a variety of different mediums. During Music with Ms. Macourt, students are building on developing their understanding of musical concepts through performing, moving, and listening, as well as composing and notating their own works through experimenting and improvising. In Term 2, through the lens of Australian contemporary music, there will be a particular focus on First Nations music, with opportunities for students to express their musical preferences using musical language.

Homework

Homework will commence in Week 2, where students will complete a selection of activities including; Matific online, Sound Waves online, Typing Tournament online and home reading. Small project-based homework task will continue on Google Classroom.

Weeks 2,3,4: Book Review
Weeks 5,6,7: Science Project
Week 8,9,10: Maths Investigation

Library

Library borrowing will continue for each class on Wednesday afternoons.

Kind Regards,

Mr Jimmy Richards, Mr Zachery Johns, Miss Kate Walton, Miss Francesca Scobie,
Mrs Christy Macmaster and Mrs Bianca Larcombe. (Year 5 Teachers)

Mrs Julie Organ (Principal)

Term 2 Diary Dates

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May 25th - Yr 5 Zoo Visit Project Penguin

May 31st – Yr 5 Project Penguin Day 2

June 1st - Yr 6 UPP Leadership Day

June 5th- 9th – Lights Up Drama Festival at The Concourse Chatswood

June 5th- Yr 5 Project Penguin Day 2

June 6th – 2024 Kindy Open morning 9:45-11am

June 6th - P&C General Meeting

June 8th – Project Penguin Day 3

June 13th – Yr 5 Project Penguin Expo Day 12:30pm Parents are welcome.

June 14th - 2-2:30pm Parent Consultation House Names

June 15th - Regional Cross Country

June 19th – 30th – Glen St Dance Festival

June 20th – Yr 5 Zoo Visit Project Penguin

June 21st – Dance Expo 11:40am Stage 2 and 2:10pm Stage 3

June 22nd – School reports home

June 27th – Year 2 excursion Australian Museum

June 30th – Last Day of Term 2

July 17th – Term 3 SDD for teachers

July 18th – First day of Term 3 for students.