



Year 5 Newsletter: Term 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2! We look forward to another fantastic term of learning with our students. We would like to thank all of the parents who attended a parent / teacher interview at the end of last term. In the partnership of teaching, parents play a vital role in their child's learning. The time you shared with us to discuss your child's progress is very much appreciated!

This newsletter outlines for all parents and carers a brief overview of Term 2.

Timetable

The calendar provided at the beginning of the term will remain the same. Students are to wear their sports uniform on Tuesdays and Fridays for fitness and sport lessons. Additionally, Library and Visual Arts classes will be on Thursdays with Miss Gant and Mr Meakin respectively. Students are encouraged to bring in their library bag every Thursday.

Homework

It is recommended that your child should be completing at least 20 minutes of reading each night which is to be recorded in their reading log. The reading log is to be returned to school each **Friday morning** for your child's classroom teacher to check.

In addition to home reading, there will be a weekly times tables focus. Your child is expected to practise their times tables in order to develop an automatic recall of multiplication facts. On Fridays, students will engage in a 'fast maths' times tables quiz, testing them on the multiplication focus for that week. If your child is already competent and confident with the weekly times tables focus, they can choose a different multiplication set to practise for that week. Speed and accuracy will remain as ongoing goals for all Year 5 students as they continue to develop their automatic recall of times tables.

Mathletics tasks will be assigned to your child each week. These tasks will be aligned to the current topics your child will be learning at school or tasks that support further consolidation of topics as required.

This term, your child will be pretested on a core set of high-frequency words for Year 5. These are words your child is expected to know and spell with confidence. The highlighted words on the list are words your child already knows. The rest of the list are words your child will need to learn. It is recommended your child selects a small number of words to learn each week. Students will be tested on these words in weeks 5 and 10 of the term.

All students will be provided with an additional activities homework grid. These tasks can be completed in any order and students should aim to complete one activity per week. Most activities provide some scope for how it can be presented. These include using digital programs, presenting it as a poster, making a movie or presenting it in their homework book. All tasks submitted should reflect time, effort and pride in presentation.

Device Drop Off

The classrooms will be open from 9:00am - 9:20am to allow students to drop off their devices and unpack for the day. The classrooms are occupied by the teachers during this time and as such, this should be a 'drop and go' procedure. The only days in which we are unable to allow this routine to occur is **Wednesday and Thursday** due to staff meeting commitments. Students have been asked to keep their bags and devices with them on these mornings.

It is expected that students bring their device to school fully charged every day.



NAPLAN

Students in Year 5 will participate in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) in Week 3 on the 14th, 15th and 16th of May. Students will participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Curriculum

Curriculum Areas	Topic/Content
Maths	Whole Number, Fractions and Decimals, Multiplication and Division, Addition and Subtraction, Angles, 2D Space, Volume and Capacity
English	'Let Me Persuade You!' Persuasive writing Persuasive Speech - All students are required to present a speech in Week 7-10
Science	Robotics
Geography	A Diverse and Connected World - Engaging with Asia
PDHPE	Bounce Back Program, PBL and athletics training
Visual Arts	Linked with our Asia theme

Key Dates and Events

Week 1: Season 2 PSSA begins (Friday 3rd May)

Week 2: Come and see morning tea plus P&C meeting (Tuesday 7th May), Mothers Day Stall and High Tea (Thursday 9th May)

Week 3: Zone Cross Country Carnival (Monday 13th May), NAPLAN (Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May)

Week 6: Come and see morning tea plus P&C meeting (Tuesday 4th June), Blues by the Bay Breakfast (Wednesday 5th June)

Week 7: Public Holiday (Monday 10th June),

Week 8: K-6 Athletics Carnival (Wednesday 19th June)

Week 9: Year 5 Excursion to the Chinese Garden of Friendship (Tuesday 25th June), Bandfest (Wed 26th June), Senior Music Festival Rehearsal (Thurs 27th June)

Week 10: Season 2 PSSA concludes and the last day of term (Friday 5th July)

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see your child's classroom teacher or make an appointment through the school office.

Best Regards,

Miss Dwyer and Mr McKimm

Year 5 Teachers