

Middle School June Bulletin

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What's been happening in the Middle School...

Numeracy

During maths sessions students have been learning about recognising and naming angles - right angles, acute and obtuse. They have learnt about measuring items accurately and have also been introduced to the concept of multiplication as "groups of". They have been working hard to master their times tables also.



Reading

Students have been learning to summarise texts, work out the authors purpose, find words and details from the text to support their answers, identify the elements of expositions or persuasive texts and to use punctuation to add expression and meaning to what they read.



Writing

During Daily Five writing sessions, students have continued to learn about writing an exposition (persuasive text) ensuring they have an introduction, some arguments and supporting reasons as well as a conclusion.

Students are always working on using correct punctuation and amazing vocabulary that will make their texts interesting and powerful.

Humanities

Students have been enjoying exploring the natural features of either Australia, South America or Africa. They have explored the geography of these three continents becoming aware of places, locations and some natural features found there.

Wellbeing

The students have been working on how they can be courageous trustworthy members of the school community. They have also started working on building their teamwork skills as a part of our 'Getting Along' key to success.

Important Dates



12th June
Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday.

9th June
Movie Night

June 16
Hot dog Meal Deal

June 5 - 23
5c Collection
Competition

June 7
Camp payment
due \$70

June 21
Camp payment
due - \$70

June 27
Student Showcase

**July 31 - August
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Camp

July 19 - 20
Parent Teacher
Meetings.



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What we are learning over the next month...

Numeracy

In the area of Numeracy the students will be learning the following;

- ☺ I can skip count by 2, 5 and 10. To understand the concept of multiplication.
- ☺ I can use number families to assist my automatic recall.
- ☺ I can automatically recall multiplication facts for 2, 5 and 10. (Year 3)
- ☺ I can automatically recall multiplication facts for 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9. (Year 4)
- ☺ I can skip count by 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 & 9.



Reading

In Daily Five sessions we will be learning the following;

- ☺ I can use word parts like prefixes to work out the meaning of words and texts.
- ☺ I can tune into interesting words and new vocabulary
- ☺ I can know and use the CAFÉ strategy of identifying the authors' purpose.
- ☺ I can know and use the CAFÉ reading strategy of recognising and explaining the relationships between cause and effect.



Writing

In the area of writing students will be learning the following;

- ☺ I can spell words with the letter teams 'oo, er, ar, ge, dge', compound words and the hard and soft "c" and "g" sounds.
- ☺ I can proof read my writing and revise it by making changes to make the writing better.
- ☺ I can plan, draft and publish information reports about aspects of the countries we are studying.



Humanities

In our Humanities topic the students will be learning the following;

- ☺ I can identify similarities and differences between places in the world.
- ☺ I can find Australia, South America and Africa on a map.
- ☺ I can research to find information about the three continents.



Wellbeing

In Wellbeing the students will be learning the following;

- ☺ I can use getting along skills to work in a team.
- ☺ I can show the school values of honesty and respect.



Homework

- ☺ Students should be reading every night for at least ten minutes.
- ☺ They should also be learning their spelling words.
- ☺ Students could also be completing some of their Athletics tasks.
 - ☺ Big Write is every fortnight. Students will bring home "Talk Homework" on a Tuesday night to discuss the topic and develop ideas ready for the Big Write on the Thursdays.



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