

Edition 2 - 8/6/17

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

Numeracy

During maths sessions students have been learning about fractions. They have been learning to place fractions on a number line and how to add and subtract fractions with like and unlike denominators. We have also been looking at the different features of a map and creating our own. The senior school has also been lucky to have Mr McKimmie, a high school maths teacher, working on some extension maths with some of our students.



Reading

Students have been working on a range of comprehension strategies including: identifying the main idea, cause and effect and compare and contrast. All students have been taking part in guided reading sessions during our Daily 5 sessions.



Writing

During Daily Five writing sessions, students have been learning about information reports. They have been exploring technical vocabulary to use as well as brainstorming a range of subheadings that could be used.



Humanities

Our focus for Geography this Term is exploring the different economical, demographical, social and cultural characteristics of countries around the world. After a few weeks of exploring different countries and stories together, students have started a project about a country from Asia.



Wellbeing

The Senior School students have been exploring our You Can Do It key 'Getting Along'. In our Monday afternoon wellbeing sessions we have been talking about how to get along with one another. We have also been talking about what our body feels like when we are worried and how to deal with feelings of worry and stress. A great app we recommend is 'Smiling Minds' that has meditation exercises for children of all ages.



Important Dates

5th June

5 cent challenge begins

9th June

SING movie night

Second camp instalment due

12th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

16th June

Hot dog meal deal

23rd June

Third and final camp instalment due

28th - 30th June

Camp Rumbug

30th June

Last day of term 2

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher...

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What we are learning about over the next month...

Numeracy

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

- ☺ I can compare and represent the relationship between fractions and decimals.
- ☺ I can recognise that the place value system can be extended to tenths, hundredths and thousandths to represent decimal numbers.
- ☺ I can add and subtract decimals and check my answers by using estimation and rounding.
- ☺ I can calculate the area of a rectangle.



Reading

In Daily Five sessions we will be learning the following comprehension strategies during whole group instruction, literacy rotations and guided reading sessions;

- ☺ I can make predictions about what will happen in a text.
- ☺ I can find the meaning of words by looking at the context.
- ☺ I can make inferences after reading a text.
- ☺ I can state the author's purpose after reading a text.



Writing

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

- ☺ I can use subtitles to support my information report.
- ☺ I can self-assess my writing and set a goal for myself.
- ☺ I can reread my writing to edit for meaning by adding, moving or deleting words to improve my sentences.
- ☺ I can plan, draft and publish pieces of writing.



Humanities

Students will be working on their project until week 10. There is a range of activities students can complete to demonstrate their knowledge and research of their country. It's been great to see everyone excited for our Humanities sessions and even continue their research at home.



Wellbeing

In Wellbeing the students will be learning the following;

- ☺ I can use getting along skills to work in a team.
- ☺ I can consider the consequences of my actions before acting.



Homework

In the Senior school there are four main areas that the students are asked to practise each week;

- Practise weekly spelling words.
- 1 x times table challenge.
- Mathematics tasks set.
- 4 nights of reading for 20 minutes.

