

# Mathematics

Our focus is:

Position

Fractions & Decimals

Time

3D Space

You can help at home by: Encouraging your child to complete their any activities that have been set for Maths Space homework. Students have these great resources available to them and need to make the most of using these to maximise their potential.

Conversations with your child about the use of the areas above in everyday life are also very rich and rewarding. There are mathematical areas where real life applications aid understanding.

# Creative Arts

Our focus is:

Art

You can help at home by:

- Discussing examples of artworks that you really love and why you love them. Art is a very personal thing and many people have different likes and dislikes. It is good for students to understand that what one person will love in not the next person's style.
- Drawing with your child is another area where you can spend time with them. We are often surprised by their talents.

# PE/ Sport

Our focus is:

Long distance running, kicking, throwing, leaping/ galloping and static poses.

You can help at home by:

- Playing soccer or netball in the backyard together, going on bush walks as a family and playing Just Dance.
- Encouraging your child to participate in any form of physical activity regardless of their skill.

## WCS Term 2

### Learning Newsletter

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Find out what your child is learning this term and how can you support them at home

# English

Our focus is:

Our English unit continues to focus on quality literature. Students will read, view and respond to familiar and challenging texts. Students will explore concepts such as theme, characters, perspective, point of view, symbolism, representation, context, genre and style. English involves a lot of discussions and students never fail to impress with their ideas and enthusiasm.

You can help at home by:

- Exposing your child to various forms of quality literature including novels, picture books, visual, spoken and digital texts.
- Reading every day is very important and will assist your child in all aspects of the English syllabus.
- Most children love digital media but it is also important to encourage them to put down the Ipad and open a physical text whether it be a picture book, novel, magazine or comic. If you have a reluctant reader source appropriate educational literacy apps.
- Encourage your children to think critically and question what they are reading or viewing.

# Personal Development

Our focus is:

Child Protection

You can help at home by:

- Discussing community members that help others and the ways the help in our day to day lives.
- Discussing how to build positive with relationships with different people and how to build trust in other people.

# Writing

Our focus is: A continuation of the use of the Seven Steps program

- Children use their imagination constantly and have a natural love for imaginative texts such as picture books and movies. These invariably show great examples of beginnings that grab their attention and exciting action scenes. Discuss what your child likes or dislikes about these while reading and viewing.
- Encourage a love of writing by sharing ideas and writing together.

## Inquiry Unit

Our focus is: History – Australia as a Nation

This term, we are focusing on the history topic, 'Australia as a Nation'. Through inquiry, students are encouraged to collaborate with their peers and formulate big questions based on the topic. Over the term, we will be investigating and seeking answers to these big questions with Ms. Janet Trumm from the High School team, exploring the factors that led to Federation and experiences of democracy and citizenship over time.

You can help at home by:

- Encouraging your child to start researching information relating to Australian democracy and government for their project
- Questioning their up-to-date knowledge about the government and the impact of Federation on society

## Spelling

Our focus is:

To learn a new spelling rule each week. Students will be given list words based on that rule. In addition, students will also learn personal, Fry's and NSW Premier's spelling challenge words.

You can help at home by:

Encouraging your child to practise their spelling words for homework and discuss the new rule each week. Encourage your child to find other words with the same spelling rule.

## Other Information

Please feel free to come and see me if you have any concerns about anything happening in the classroom or the playground.

I use class dojo and have found that most of the class are already connected to this valuable resource. If you don't yet have a login, please let me know and I will send another home to you.

It is a good habit to get into to ask your child if they have any notes each day to keep on top of things that are happening.

I always try to take a photo of all notes and put them on Dojo too as a reminder.

Below is a rough timetable of things that happen each week:

Monday

-Homework is issued and taken home once a fortnight.

Tuesday

- Scripture

Wednesday

Library

Thursday

- We have Genius Hour once a fortnight. Students break into their interest groups and develop a project based on their interest.

Friday

- Sport
- Assembly once a fortnight

**Do you have a question?**  
Please call the office on 4356 2888 to leave a message for me to call you back or send in a note through your child. We can talk over the phone or make a time to meet.

## Specialist Teachers

Our RFF Teacher is :  
Mrs Mel Farrelly

She is teaching us:  
Child Protection

Our specialist High School teacher is: Mr Alanson and Miss Barron

They are working with us on: History and Art

## Library

Our library day is:

Wednesday - 1:30 – 2:30

In library we are focusing on:

- Understanding what reliable research is and how to use it effectively in our writing
- Selecting texts that are engaging and motivate us to read more