

Year 5/6

Pod 3

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Term 2 Aims

After what I would consider to be a successful Term 1 in which many students took great steps forward, I am still striving for the students in my care to continue to make progress in both school and life skills.

One main aim is that I want them to:

- take responsibility for their own learning, become self-disciplined and work co-operatively with each other.

Behaviour Expectations

I believe that children learn best in a safe, caring, stimulating and non-threatening environment where there is mutual respect, co-operation, tolerance, positive emotional expression and conflict resolution. I am happy with the way the students are interacting with me so far but have concerns with their behaviour and overall attitude when the class is taken by other teachers. This is an area that needs to be addressed in Term 2.

Communication

Effective communication between home and school is very important if successful learning is to occur. I value parent input and appreciate parent support. If you have any concerns or queries throughout the year please contact me in person or by phone.

All children in my class are expected to use a **diary** to record homework, results, reminders and messages.

Homework

A reminder that homework will be given Monday to Thursdays and should take no longer than 30 minutes. It is an expectation that homework will be done as it encourages independent learning, responsibility, prepares students for high school and enables students to share their work with family members. If a child is unable to complete homework due to illness, family commitments or some other reason, e.g the child finds it too difficult, I would appreciate a note in the diary.

Mathematics In Maths we will be covering NAPLAN revision, Fractions, Decimals and some work in Problem Solving and Mental Routines.

English Students will also be expected to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge and many have already completed it.

Students will have a weekly spelling list and writing skills will be developed through a variety of forms (called genres) including; reports, letter writing expositions and narratives.

Dates to remember

Week 2 : NAPLAN for Year 5s Tues 9/5, Wed 10/5 and Thurs 11/5

Mon 15/5 : Kelsey Reynolds (pre-service Teacher) begins her 4 week block of teaching.

Thurs 25/5, 1/6, 8/6 and 15/6 : Soccer Clinics

Fri 26/5 and Fri 30/6 Stephanie Alexander Kitchen cooking sessions

Wed 7/6 : Valley View High School Science Day

Mon 12/6 : Public Holiday

Fri 23/6: Pod 3 presenting the Assembly

Mon 26/6 : Pupil Free Day

Week 10: Reports sent home

Fri 7/7 : Last day of Term 2

Term 4 Week 4 Mon 6/11, Tues 7/11 and Wed 8/11 : **Arbury Park Camp** : Most people have paid the deposit and some have started to pay the full amount in instalments.

Kind Regards,
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