

Year 5/6

Pod 3

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Term 3 Aims

After what I would consider to be a successful first half of the year 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 all students to:

- To continue their development in taking responsibility for their own learning, keep striving in becoming more self-disciplined and working 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 and have noticed an improvement with their behaviour and overall attitude when the class is taken by other teachers. This is an area that needs to be monitored in Term 3.

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. 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 Measurement which includes Area and Perimeter, Volume, Capacity, Time and Conversions of units, Algebra and begin some work on Problem Solving.

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

Students will have a weekly spelling list and writing skills will continue to be developed. We will also be having a focus on Comprehension this term.

HASS (History) Students will be completing an assignment on a “Major Historical Event” which is related to Australia in some way.

Science We will be working on the topic of “Earth’s Place in Space”

Assemblies There has been a change to Assembly format as they now will be held fortnightly instead of weekly. Our next presentation of the assembly will be in Week 2 of Term 4.

Dates to remember

Week 3: Tues 8/8 Hockey Clinic

Weeks 4 and 9 on Fridays: Students will be involved in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Programme (plus on Monday of Week 5 we will be helping prepare the special lunch)

Week 5: Book Week (including the Book Fair and a Dress-Up parade / assembly on Fri)

Week 7: Mon 4/9 Pupil Free Day

Week 9: Optional Interviews

Week 10: Fri 29/9: Last day of Term 3

Term 4 Week 4: Mon 6/11, Tues 7/11 and Wed 8/11. Arbury Park Camp at Bridgewater: Almost all people attending have paid the deposit and some have started to pay the full amount in instalments. We would love everyone to go so there is still time to change your mind.

Kind Regards,
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