

Year 7 Class Newsletter

Term 3, 2017



It's called, 'reading,' it is how people install new software into their brains.

Civics and Citizenship

Students will be inquiring into:

The different features of Australia's system of government and the purpose of the Constitution in Australia's representative democracy. They will also explain how Australia's legal system is based on the principle of justice. Students will be able to identify the importance of shared values, and explain the diverse nature of Australian society. This unit will culminate in our classroom forming a government whereby students will have different roles to immerse themselves in their learning and act out their different responsibilities.

Science

Students will be inquiring into:

Earth and Space Sciences

Students will be looking at predictable sensations on Earth, including how seasons and solar and lunar eclipses are caused by the relative positions of the sun, Earth and the moon. As well as explaining why different regions of the Earth experience different seasonal conditions.

English

We will continue with THREADS which is a combination of different Sheena Cameron reading comprehension strategies that use a single provocation image for a reference. This activity requires students to think creatively, outside of the box and can input real life experiences into their learning.

Carol Jones will be coming into our class to implement functional grammar throughout different genre writing work samples. Functional grammar is, grammar that analyses how language is used to communicate.

This term we will be constructing two different types of genres, we will be analysing two different texts and comparing them, to construct a literacy analysis and in the second half of the term, we will let our imaginations take over to develop different poetry pieces.

Maths

Because of the success of last year's moderation processes with Cowandilla, we again will be working with them to create a major assignment based around, 'best buy.' In this unit we will be looking at landmark percentages and what is the best value for money for a particular product. The year 7 teachers from Cowandilla and myself are putting together an assignment in week 3 with the theme of planning a party. Student's will transfer their learning from our preliminary lessons about this topic and apply them to this assignment. They will work in groups and present their assignment using different software programs.

Throughout the term, students will continually be reminded to use Khan Academy at home to practice their learning. I will also be setting maths online tasks.

Digital technology

Students will be using desktop publishing software for researching as well as presenting different work samples.

Performing Arts

This term students will explore music through a program called Music: Count Us In. The learning experiences in the program will develop children's aural, technical and expressive skills. Use your preferred search engine online to type in 'Shine Together' for Music Count Us In 2017 – A Sing-Along Video (Official) to find the song online. Encourage your child to rehearse at home and perhaps you might find yourself singing along too!

Visual Arts

In Visual Art this term they will be exploring the theme 'Past/Present/Future as well as experimenting with techniques in drawing.

Physical Education and Health

This term the Year 7 students will be developing various different ways of catching and throwing multiple objects as well as attacking and defending in the game of Ultimate Frisbee.

Dates to Remember

Week 1-7	Wednesday at 9am	Bike Ed
Week 2	Tuesday, 1 st of August	ICAS English testing
Week 3	Friday, 11 th of August	Sausage Sizzle
Week 4	Monday, 14 th of August	Science Week Excursion to the Art Gallery, Museum and Science Lab
	Tuesday, 15 th of August	ICAS Maths Testing
Week 5	All Week	Book Week, 'Escape to Everywhere.'
	Wednesday, 23 rd of August	Choir Performance at Woodville
Week 6	Friday, 1 st of Sept	School Closure, Adelaide Show
Week 7	Monday, 4 th of Sept	Pupil Free Day
Week 8	Wednesday, 13 th of Sept	Festival of Music Rehearsal.

Please encourage your children to complete their Premier's Reading Challenge forms and send them into school.

Thank you for the prompt return of camp permission slips and deposits, please remember to have the **final payment of \$170 paid by Friday the 1st of Sept, week 6 of term 3.** There are a few more forms that need to be returned, but they will be handed out at a later date.

Baby pictures need to come into school to begin the graduation PowerPoint. So please go through your albums. I have had some come in already and to say they are the cutest is an understatement.

This term, from the 24th of August until Friday the 1st of September I will be on leave, Ian Knott will be taking the year 7s during this time.

I am looking forward to a busy and productive term.

Alana Dales



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