



YEAR FIVE

IMPORTANT TERM DATES

Curriculum Day - 6th Aug.

House Athletics – 8th Aug.

Victorian Space and Science Education Centre - 9th & 16th Aug.

Whole School Book Parade 23rd Aug.

District Athletics – 28th Aug.

Musical Week – 9th to 13th Sept.

Last Day of Term 3 – 20th Sept.

TERM OVERVIEW

We are very excited for a busy and productive Term 3! Our school musical will be performed in Week 9. All Year 5 and 6 students will be involved in weekly rehearsals in preparation for the performance. In our inquiry unit 'Our Place in Space', students will learn about the planets in our solar system and will travel to Mars on our excursion to the Victorian Space and Science Education Centre. We will also continue to implement class maths and maths clinics. Poetry and procedural texts will be the dual focus in writing for Term 3 and we will continue our SMART Spelling Program and weekly grammar lessons. An important curriculum focus for this term will be Respectful Relationships with the emphasis on stress management. Students will learn to identify causes of stress and learn strategies that can be used to reduce stress.

INQUIRY UNIT:

The inquiry unit of work throughout the term is "Our Place in Space". Our study of the solar system will include learning about the characteristics and order of the planets, understanding constellations, day and night, gravity and many other space phenomena. The unit will focus heavily on scientific thinking. Tasks will include group projects, research and multiple intelligence activities.

LITERACY FOCUS:

In English our writing focus will include recounts, procedural texts and poetry. Formal whole class language sessions will focus on SMART spelling and familiarisation of grammar rules. CAFE Reading will continue throughout this term with an emphasis on predicting, summarising, making connections, questioning and inferring. This term we will also be embarking on our Book Club program, whereby students will choose novels in conjunction with their reading group, read selected chapters every night and complete tasks in class related to their chosen book.

NUMERACY FOCUS:

During maths clinics this term, we will be continuing with work on fractions, including adding and subtracting with common and uncommon denominators, exploring decimal fractions, percentages and financial plans. In class, we will look further at data representation and interpretation, specifically mean, mode and median, volume and capacity, grid references on The Cartesian Plane and giving directions.