

# GRADE 5 NEWSLETTER

## TERM 1

Welcome to Term 1! The students have settled in well and have made a great start to the year. The students are focusing on becoming independent and developing great teamwork. Interschool sport begins this term.

## CURRICULUM

### LITERACY

In Literacy, students will focus on utilising reading strategies for their independent reading. They will engage in activities tailored to meet their individual needs.

In Writing, students will concentrate on narrative and persuasive writing, with students delving into the structure and characteristics of narrative texts. They will actively participate in a customised weekly spelling program and work on advancing their grammar skills.

### NUMERACY

In Numeracy, students will be commencing with PRIME Mathematics program. Focus this term will be place value, approximation and estimation, factors and multiples, multiplication, division, order of operations and place value. Students will also be completing set tasks to prepare them for NAPLAN.

### INQUIRY

For Inquiry, the focus is on Democracy. Students will be learning about the values needed within a community, rules that are designed to protect people's rights, and the responsibility they have on others.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Interschool Sports (Term 1)
- Labour Day: 11th of March
- Swimming Program: 12th - 22nd of March
- NAPLAN begins - 19th of March
- Term End Date - 28th of March.

## REMINDERS!

- Diaries must be at school every day for communication and organisation purposes.
- It is important that all notifications are switched off on their iPad while in class.
- Please make sure your child's iPad is fully charged for each school day and they have the prescribed apps on their iPad (Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Slice). Their iPad needs to be brought to school everyday.
- Please ensure all clothing items and hat are labelled.
- Please inform the school of student absences through XUNO.
- Submit notes/permission slips through XUNO on time.
- Term 1 is a Sun Smart term. Please ensure your child has a school 'bucket' hat.
- Classrooms are open from 8:50am each morning and we encourage children to come in early and get prepared for the day.