



Dear parents and carers

YEAR 5 - TERM 2 OVERVIEW

Welcome back. We hope you have had a restful break and are looking forward to all the wonderful things that term 2 has in store.

ENGLISH

Students will be reading *'Black Cockatoo'* by Carl Merrison and Hakea Hustler. A compelling young-adult novel, the book explores themes of identity, connection to culture, and resilience. Set in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, the story follows the journey of Mia, a young Aboriginal girl, and her brother, Jay, as they navigate the complexities of growing up in a modern world while honouring their Indigenous heritage. It will be followed by *'Dirrarn'* by the same author, which delves into themes of friendship, courage, and the preservation of culture.

During writing, we will continue to explore the mechanics of writing through various spelling, grammar and punctuation tasks and we will be looking at creating persuasive texts.

MATHS

Students will continue to develop their knowledge of 24-hour time by solving problems involving duration of time. They will continue to consolidate and practise their skills in solving multiplication problems using efficient mental and written strategies. They will also learn to solve division problems including those that result in a remainder. They will engage in lessons involving 2D shape and 3D objects and their corresponding nets. They will work with angles by measuring, drawing and comparing. As they learn about each topic in the classroom they will become available in Mathletics for students to practise their skills.

HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences)

Students will study the reasons behind the expansion of British colonies and sequence events chronologically. They will recognise the cause and effect of migration and study the different groups living in the Australian colonies and learn about their way of life and how they contributed to the changing social and economic landscape within the colonies.

SCIENCE

This term we are exploring 'Earth and Space Sciences'. During this unit we will build on students' prior knowledge of the geology to understand how the Earth's surface changes over time, both slowly or quickly through weathering and erosion, and how we humans influence those changes. Students get hands-on experience of how natural forces shape the landscape with a series of exciting in-class activities.

LIBRARY

Year 5 will access the Library on Friday afternoons. Students are actively encouraged to find a good fit book.

MUSIC AND BAND (Nicky Dears)

Students have been consolidating our knowledge of rhythms and musical notation while playing the recorder and can play in two parts quite nicely! In term 2, we will attempt a piece in three parts. We have learnt 6 chords on the ukulele – C, C7, F, G7, G and Am. We have been learning many songs to accompany our ukulele playing, and we are enjoying learning to sing and play at the same time. We have especially loved learning to sing and play 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight' and we are looking forward to conquering 'Riptide.'

We will have a performance from Musica Viva called 'Game Day!' in week 2. The Phoenix Collective is an Australian string quartet who will share different musical styles through the ages with a fun focus.

Band sessions will continue this term on a Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Students in band are encouraged to practise their instrument for 10 mins each day.

INDONESIAN (Damian Bolton - Pak Bolton)

Students will be revising their numbers in Indonesian from 0-99, with a focus on -belas (teens) and -puluh (tens). They will then explore using numbers in the hundreds (ratus) and thousands (ribu). They will use this knowledge to explore Indonesian currency (rupiah) and the costs of various items in Indonesia compared to Australia.

STEM

Students will be learning about what it means to be a digital citizen. They will be identifying appropriate ways to communicate online. They will be working collaboratively to build an interactive slide for younger students to teach them how to be safe online.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT HEALTH & PE

Year 5 will focus on running stamina, sprinting technique, jumping, and throwing skills with athletic skill development the main sporting focus area. Students will perform movement skills in a variety of physical activities and apply movement strategies in a number of athletic physical activities. Students will also be required to demonstrate fair play and skills to work collaboratively to solve movement challenges. Students will participate in the cross-country carnival on Friday 17 May at 11:00 am.

PARENT/TEACHER COMMUNICATION

If you wish to discuss your child's progress please ring or email and arrange a time to talk about any matters that may concern you about your child's learning. Before school is an important preparation time for teachers but we are happy to make appointments with you.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

Library -	Friday	
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Week 2 -	Friday 10 May -	P&C Mother's Day Stall
Weeks 2 & 7 -	Year 5 boys -	Menslink 'Unplugged'
Week 3 -	Friday 17 May -	Cross Country
Week 4 -	Thursday 23 May -	School Photos
Week 5 -	Monday 27 May -	Reconciliation Day (Public Holiday)
Week 6 -	Friday 7 June -	Year 5 combined band rehearsal at Chapman
Week 7 -	Monday 10 June -	Sovereign's Birthday (Public Holiday)
Week 9 -	Thursday 27 & Friday 28 July -	Reports home
Week 10 -	Friday 5 July -	Last day of term

We look forward to a great term,

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