

Hello Middle School!

Inquiry

This term the students will be investigating the theme of 'How we express ourselves' with the central idea being How do symbols express personal thoughts and feelings. Students will be exposed to a variety of symbolic representations and how they can be used as forms of communication. Additionally, we will be looking at various myths and legends and how their use of symbols have impacted the ways in which we communicate today. An excursion based around our inquiry focus will be confirmed later this term. **Please note, that all excursions need consent through COMPASS at least two days prior to the excursion.**

English

In writing this term, we will be continuing information reports from last term. From here, the students will be using their new knowledge of myths and legends to create their own mythical narratives. These narratives will be presented in ways that express the students' creativity in modes of their choice. In addition to these writing structures, we will also be exploring a variety of vocabulary words that will help the students extend their writing abilities.

In Reading, the focus will continue to be on developing strategies that will strengthen comprehension and high-level understanding of the text using Just Right Books that students have chosen. We aim to ensure that students are actively involved in the reading process by providing many opportunities for students to think and talk about the books they are reading during literacy sessions.

This term we will integrate Speaking and Listening tasks with our inquiry and students will have opportunities to speak about the investigations and research they have completed during the inquiry unit. 3 Way Conferences will also provide an opportunity for parents/ guardians to see first hand how their child demonstrate their speaking and presenting skills.



HOME LEARNING **Due dates for Term 2**

Thursday 2nd August
Friday 17th August
Friday 31st August
Friday 14th September

3 WAY CONFERENCES

Thursday, 2nd August ~ 3:45-6:45
Friday, 3rd August~ 9AM-3PM

NOTE: NO REGULAR CLASSES ON FRIDAY

ICAS Testing

English~ Tuesday, 31st July
Maths~ Tuesday, 14th August

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Friday, 31st August

HOOP TIME

Friday, 24th August

BOOK WEEK SPEAKERS

Thursday, 23rd August

JUST A REMINDER

Bells: The first school bell rings at 8.50am. This is the signal for students to come inside quietly, unpack their bags and be ready for the 9am start.

Morning recess: 11am~11.30am
Lunch: 12.30pm~1.30pm

Absentees: If your child is absent, please notify their teacher via Compass.

BIKE EDUCATION TERM 4

Practise riding your bike. There are limited bikes at school for the Term 4 Bike Education sessions. More information later.

Mathematics

Students in the Middle School will be developing their knowledge and understanding of geometry, multiplication and division strategies and the measurement of time and money.

In geometry, students will be working with angles and symmetry. We will investigate time and its use in timetables and calendars. Additionally, we will explore the value of money and how it can be counted and used to solve problems.

A focus of targeted maths will be to develop a range of different strategies when using multiplication and division. These classes will continue every Friday from 11:20~12:20 and may not be with their class teacher at this time.

From the teachers

We look forward to this productive and enjoyable term and as always, please do not hesitate to contact us in person or via the following email addresses:

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