

YEAR 5/6 AREA NEWSLETTER

TERM 4

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MATHEMATICS

In Measurement, students will begin the term working on calculating the perimeter and area of shapes as well as the volume and capacity of prisms using familiar metric units. From there, students will work on angles including comparing, measuring, drawing, and solving unknown values. They will also explore the Cartesian plane to provide a graphical and visual representation of location.

Later in the term we will move into Financial Maths: investigating and calculating percentage discounts, rates, ratios, and applying these within open ended and problem solving tasks.

We will end the term with revising a range of units from throughout the year.

WRITING

This term we are beginning with poetry including cinquain, haiku, rhyming couplets, free verse and more!

Following our poetry unit, students will choose a topic for their 'Zine' - a mini magazine they will each create. A Zine is a compilation of many texts covering a range of writing genres, all based around the central topic of each student's choice.

Students LOVE producing their Zines and are so excited to get started! You can follow up with your child each week and see how they're going with their Zine - what genre they are focusing on that week and if they are on track to complete by the end of term.

READING

Students will continue to learn and practise a range of reading skills to support their learning. We will continue to focus on exploring vocabulary, making inferences, interpreting explicit information and developing the ability to make connections between the text, personal experiences and the world around us. Students will do this by exploring a variety of reading materials including mentor texts, posters, diagrams, newspaper articles, electronic media, and complete tasks independently.

Students are encouraged to continue to read a wide variety of texts at home to continue to build, develop and consolidate their reading and comprehension skills.

INVESTIGATIONS

Our Investigations topic this term is, 'It's Electric!' This unit explores all things electricity as we learn about how electricity is generated, the features of electricity and how it is used in everyday life! Students will begin by exploring how energy from a variety of sources can be used to generate electricity. This includes delving into electrical circuits and looking at different conductors and insulators.

Later in the term, students will be given a cross-curriculum challenge which will incorporate their knowledge of energy, shape and measurement, as well as testing their problem solving skills to design and build an elastic powered vehicle that will need to complete different challenges.

YEAR 5/6 SPECIALIST CLASSES & SPECIAL EVENTS IN TERM 4

PERFORMING ARTS

During Term 4, the grade 5 and 6 students will jump right back into their class bands this term. Get those vocals warmed up and your cajons ready for some loud music making group activities. Small practice groups will create an environment conducive to student led learning where leadership skills and instrument specific techniques can be developed. A music video will be worked on where the class will display their developed capacity to work as a band.

ART

This term, students will be assisting to design an exciting new play space for GVPS. They will be conducting an Author Study on author and illustrator Shaun Tan and his book *The Lost Thing*. Students will be able to explore using air dry clay to design and create a work of art using various techniques. Students will complete a variety of exciting Christmas craft activities to complete the term, including making some decorations for local shopping centres.

LIVING AND GROWING PROGRAM

After rescheduling the program many times this year, we are excited to announce that it has now been scheduled to go ahead on 3 consecutive Friday's in November.

The Living and Growing program teaches students many factors about growing up, including things such as body changes, hormone changes and how they might make you feel, staying safe both physically and online as well as empathy and communication skills useful during this time.

For further details:

<https://sexeducationaustralia.com.au/schools/primary/>

PE

To start off the term during remote learning the focus will be on body movement through various fitness activities including yoga, dance and mini workouts. During the term the 5/6's will focus on developing their skills in the sports that will be played during the Summer interschool sports program, this will be in preparation for next year. The 5/6's will also have their Friday morning sport sessions to continue developing their skills in various sports.

ITALIAN

The Year 5/6 students will be learning about *I Vestiti* (Clothes) in Term 4. They will be creating a fashion model and learn how to describe clothing using adjectives in a descriptive text. This will lead to creating and performing in a role play called, *La Sfilata di Moda* (The Fashion Show). The Term will conclude with *Natale* (Christmas) celebrations, where students will learn about the cultural traditions in Italy during Christmas time. *Eccellente!*

CAMP

At the time of writing this, Portsea camp is still able to go ahead. We are crossing our fingers and toes that the current roadmap comes to fruition and that Year 5/6s can enjoy their adventure down the coast.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Graduation has been booked for Thursday 16th of December at Melrose Receptions and plans are already in full swing. More details surrounding cost and the logistics of graduation will be sent out when we have a clearer idea of any possible remaining restrictions.