



Preston South *Press*

Grade 5 / 6 Newsletter

English

This term during *Reading* we will be focusing on:

- Summarising;
- Fluency; and
- Analysing.

During *Writing*, students will explore and develop skills in writing *Persuasive* and *Informational* writing piece;

- Verbs, Adverbs, Adjectives, Nouns, compound sentences, conjunctions, prepositions;
- Using correct punctuation; and
- ‘*Words Their Way*’ spelling words appropriate to each students’ learning.

Maths

This term we will be focusing on the dimensions of *Measurement and Geometry*. Students will explore:

- Time;
- Length, Area, Volume;
- Mass and Capacity;
- 2D and 3D Shapes;
- Grid References;
- Perimeter;
- Mapping and Grid References; and
- Cartesian system.

Inquiry

‘*Act Local... Think Global*’

Students’ interests are stimulated as they discover how and why natural disasters occur. A field trip to an environmentally sensitive area provides an opportunity to consider the work of a scientific researcher.

Developing understandings about the structure of the earth gives students another perspective about the importance of sustainability.

Art

This semester students will learn about ‘Famous Artists’ and the world of ‘The Arts.’ Students will be encouraged to apply their knowledge of ‘The elements of Art’ into their work. Drawing techniques and elements of drawing will be explored with an ‘Optical Illusion’ piece, along with other pieces of work. Students will explore sculpting, weaving, sewing and construction techniques. They will be using a variety of interesting materials to create original pieces of work.

Performing Arts

Students will explore a range of new techniques, skills and concepts whilst in the Drama environment. These include; physical movement, vocal technique, character development and performance making. Students will also engage in Music classes. Students will learn about a range of musical techniques/concepts and will create a variety of performance pieces. Students will be given many opportunities to display their developing techniques.

Physical Education

Year 5/6's will be training for the Interschool sport competition.

Students will have a choice of Netball, Soccer and Newcombe and they will concentrate on and learn the rules, important skills and techniques involved for that particular sport. The winter sports season begins on April 29th.

Later in the term, Athletics will be a focus and learners will look at some of the science involved in certain sports, such as the importance of angle of release and the shapes and sizes of equipment.

Homework

Students will be receiving their homework sheets through our new online program, *Edmodo*. Each week, students will continue to receive their weekly spelling words, open-ended maths activity and an Inquiry activity that will further investigate the unit of work. Furthermore, students are encouraged to keep a log regarding their reading each night.

Towards the end of this term, students will receive a project that they will complete within the last 4 weeks of Term 2. This project will replace the homework sheet for those weeks.

ICT

This Term, students will be able to explore 'Edmodo'. Through Edmodo, students will further develop their ICT skills and share ideas and learning. Parents and carers can follow us on Edmodo- simply ask your child to log on to their account and find the code on the bottom of their Home Page. If any further assistance is required, please speak to the classroom teacher.

Upcoming Events:

Date:	Event:
Monday 25th April	Anzac Day
Thursday 28th April	Northland 'Best Birthday Ever' Movies Day Out
Thur/Fri 5th – 6th May	Mother's Day Stall
Monday 9th – May	NAPLAN Week
Friday 13th May	5/6M Cake Stall
Friday 13th May	Grade 6 Transition Forms Closing Date- to be returned to classroom teacher.
Monday 16th May	Curriculum Day- Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 17th May	Tennis Lessons Begin
Monday 13th June	Queens Birthday
Tuesday 14th June	Tennis Lessons Conclude
Friday 17th June	1/2G Cake Stall
Monday 20th June	Reports go home
Wednesday 22nd June	Parent-Teacher Interviews
Friday 24th June	End of Term 2
Monday 11th July	Term 3 Commences

The 5/6 Team