



Visual Arts

This term students will be covering the areas of drawing, painting and collage using a variety of techniques. They are starting with activities about themselves followed by some 'Olden Days' art. There will be a display of children's art as part of the 120 year celebration of Haslem Street School. The art room would be grateful for the donation of calendars, margarine containers, foil containers, meat trays and cardboard cylinders.

Thank you,

Christine Anderson

Performing Arts (Elective)

Many wonderful opportunities in music are offered through our school. The possible instruments students can learn are: flute, clarinet, saxophone, percussion (including drum kit), tuba, xylophone, trombone, trumpet, piano, violin, cello, guitar, recorder, singing (choir group) and dancing (large group). There is a fee for all instruments except recorder, singing and dancing.

Sue Meeking



ICT (Information & Communication Technology)

This semester students will be learning about cyber safety and using the internet and Web 2.0 technologies in a safe manner. Of particular importance will be maintaining privacy and safety of self and others when publishing and surfing the internet.

Students will also learn keyboarding skills, how to search for information, assessing the reliability of websites, collaborating online locally, nationally and, if the opportunity arises, internationally. Students will be exposed to interactive learning resources, educational games, blogs and wikis.

A permission letter will be going home soon with further details about the use of ICT in the 5/6 area. We encourage you to talk to your child's teachers if you have any questions.

Sport

Our swimming and water safety program held last week was most successful, with perfect weather for water activities. Thank you to all of the students who remembered to be properly equipped.

This year the grade 5/6 studios will be joining to participate in a number of different sporting activities on a Friday morning. It will give students a chance to be grouped with students in the other studio, ones which they may already know or get to know. The activities include bocce, table tennis, volley ball, croquet and squash. The students will rotate through these activities for five weeks.

Sunsafe Policy

All children are required to wear a school hat during term one and four. Any child who does not have a hat will be required to remain in the sunsafe playground during lunch time and recess.

Integrated Studies

In term one students will undertake a unit called 'Brain Basics'. Students will participate in a variety of hands-on activities to explore the relationship between the brain and learning. Students will enjoy completing activities such as tasting brain food, listening to brain music and making models of the brain. Students will then undertake a study on how they learn best and will demonstrate their findings through the creation of a personal action plan.

Camp Program

Grade 5 children will be attending Currumbene camp at Corop for two nights, from the 4th to the 6th of March. Information will be going home in the next week or so.

Grade 6 children will be going to Canberra to experience our Nation's capital. The camp will run for four days, from Monday 9th to Thursday 12th November. The cost is expected to be something around \$250 less \$15 government rebate. This price cannot be confirmed until exact numbers are known. It is essential that the exact numbers are known by the end of first semester in June. Further information will be sent home later in the term.

Physical Education

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and welcome students, parents and staff back to the school for what promises to be an exciting new year.

This term the grade 5/6 children will be concentrating on Hockey skills.

Students need to remember to wear their hats in all sessions and wear footwear that is supportive. Please ensure that your child wears sunscreen to school as we are entering a very hot period ahead. Bring a water bottle that has been in the freezer as students tire easily outside and we encourage them to have lots of drinks when necessary.

Matthew Roberts

Grade 5/6 Team Newsletter

Dates for your diary:

- ★ **Friday, Feb 13:**
Visiting performance
'Swag of Tales'
- ★ **Thursday, Feb 26:**
"Hello and Film night.
See School Newsletter for
further details
- ★ **Wed-Fri, Mar 4-6:**
Grade 5 Currumbene
Camp, Corop
- ★ **Monday, March 9:**
Labour Day Public
Holiday
- ★ **March 27, 28, 29:**
Back to weekend &
fete
- ★ **Monday Nov 9 —
Thursday Nov 12:**
Grade 6 Canberra
Camp.

Requisites

Children in grade 5/6 are requested to supply a tennis ball and a box of tissues as soon as possible. It would also be an advantage if children could bring their own calculator to school. Students are also encouraged to bring a water bottle to class, especially during the warmer weather, to enable them keep hydrated and comfortable.



Welcome to the new school year.

Welcome to the grade 5/6 team and our first newsletter for 2009. This year we have many exciting projects planned to enrich your child's education.

The 5/6 studio staff this year are;

Trish Robbers & Linda Clapp ~ Studio Black.

Glenda Petersen, Cara Behncke & Courtney Watson ~ Studio Red.

Specialists are; Christine Anderson ~ Art, Kym Cox ~ Science,

Matthew Roberts ~ Physical Ed, Adam Sloan ~ Bike Ed (term 1 only)

English

Currently all students are undertaking a range of assessment tasks to enable us to cater for individual levels and learning needs, and to develop the most appropriate program for your child.

The focus for Term One will be to look at different writing styles, including narrative, persuasive and procedural.

Ongoing foci for the year in Writing will include Modelled, Shared and Independent writing, Published work and Learning Logs.

The Reading component will comprise Guided and Independent reading, Literacy Groups, responses to reading, Reciprocal Teaching and the Lexile (SRI) Reading Scheme.

In Speaking and Listening students will participate in many activities including group reporting, thanking others formally and impromptu one minute talks.

Maths

This semester children will undertake activities to further develop their understanding of place value, mental computation, multiples, factors, prime and composite numbers. They will explore networks and use compass directions to give and follow directions. Children will complete activities with nets to make and explore the properties of solid shapes. They will use appropriate instruments to estimate and measure time, temperatures and angles. They will investigate probability and will develop questionnaires and collect, organise and graph data.

It is important that children know their tables by the end of Grade Six. It would be a great idea to assist your child in this area throughout the year.