

TEAM SPARK - TERM 3 2017

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Fitzgerald who is expecting a baby! All being well, Mrs Fitzgerald will continue working with us until mid-term 4.

Red Zone - Miss. Cheree Cowsill (HB18); Mr. Joey Goertz (HB19); Miss. Tania Soal (HB20)

Green Zone - Mrs. Lorna Fitzgerald (HB21); Miss. Rebekah Smith (HB22); Mrs. Cara Carser (Team Leader) (HB23)

BYOD / Google Drive

We will be continuing to support the students with developing their skills when working with digital technology. All students have a school gmail account that gives them access to their Google Drive. Work created online via Google Docs, Sheets, Slides etc. is saved in Google Drive. We will continue to use 'Google Classroom' to stream some of our workflow as this enables students to copy tasks to their individual drives, and allows them to collaborate and share online. We will use Seesaw to celebrate our learning. We encourage you to ask your child to log in to their drive and share their work with you on a regular basis.

Budget - Term 3

Swimming - \$23

Art Gallery Visit - \$9

Learning Focus

In all our learning areas, we are continuing to develop and promote student choice and independence (student agency). The students set personal goals using individual learning pathways or rubrics and monitor their progress using tracking sheets. These are kept in students' clear-files.

Maths - Fractions and Decimals; Problem Solving

Literacy - writing for different purposes (integrated with our inquiry learning wherever possible), spelling and grammar rules; instructional reading focusing on comprehension strategies

Inquiry - Sustainability - a big topic and we're currently open to where this may take us. Please feel free to get in touch if you have any ideas or would like to be involved.

Home Learning

Home Learning will follow the same format as in Term 2 and will be compulsory for Year 5 students.

- Digital (online) programmes to support skill building and practice - Reading Eggspress and Mathletics
- Home Learning Projects & Challenges - optional activities designed to link real-world activities to classroom learning (these will be available on Google Classroom)

Term 3 Calendar (another busy one!)

26th July - Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Briefing (5pm)

1st August - Winter Sports starts (Year 4)

Week 4 - Cultural Festival

18th August - School Disco

22nd - 23rd August - Learning Conferences

25th August - Get Wise Financial Literacy Workshops

Wks 6-10 (Tuesdays/Thursdays) - Swimming

12th - 13th Sept - School Production (Year 5s performing)

22nd Sept (Green) & 27th Sept (Red) - Art Gallery Visit

Learning Links

We are fortunate, as a school, to have a subscription to the 'TumbleBook' ebook collection. You and your children can access this online library via the link on our school website (available on the 'Learning Links' page under 'Other Info').



We have also set up a 'learning links' site for our team so that students can easily access the different online resources available, including the link to our maths site.

Check it out - <http://sparkstoolbox.weebly.com/>

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Last term was jam-packed and this term looks set to be the same. Thank you again for your continuing support, it was fabulous to see so many of you at our open afternoon / evening and the students were super-excited to share their learning with you.

This term, students will again have the opportunity to share their learning journeys with you at their learning conference in week 5. We are looking forward to the school production in week 8 - all our year 5 students will be involved with this. We are also hoping to continue building connections between home and school as part of our inquiry into sustainability. We will be encouraging the students to talk about what they're learning with you and think about changes they can make at home and school. We plan to get involved in some 'social action' and will be looking for support with this. More information to come.

If you have any questions, concerns, or skills that you would like to share with us, please get in touch with your child's homebase teacher.

Kind regards

Team Spark Teachers

