

STAGE 1 OVERVIEW TERM 2

Welcome back to another exciting Term of learning. Thank you so much for your support and cooperation in working with us to provide the best for your children.

Term 2 Topics

Digital Technologies (Science & Technology)

Students will learn to identify the components of digital systems and explore how data is represented through the use of Microsoft Excel and Ozobots. They will use the 5 E Models of Inquiry which includes: Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate.

Changing Technologies (History: The Past in the Present)

Stage 1 will be investigating '*Changing Technologies*'. Students will be considering the impact that developments in technology have had on people's lives and identify examples of these in their home or community.

Stage 1 staff are keen to provide our students with an opportunity to see and obtain a hands-on experience, with past technology. We are therefore, planning to establish a '*VRPS Technology Museum*', in our school library. We are asking our parent community for a loan or donation of past technologies such as typewriters, phones, sewing machines and cameras. Care will be taken with the exhibits and all loan items will be returned at the end of the term. If you have an item that you would be able to contribute please contact your class teacher.



Public Speaking

This term students will begin practising their public speaking techniques in preparation for the VRPS Public Speaking Competition in Term 3. Further information will be sent home with homework in the coming weeks.

Creative Arts

This term students will participate in 2 weekly rotations on a Friday to complete activities in all four strands of Creative Arts: Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music.

PDHPE

This term students will complete a unit called 'Food Safari' which focuses on healthy food choices. For fitness students are participating in 'Boot Camp' and completing rotating circuits of fitness activities on a Tuesday afternoon.

Homework

Thank you for your patience and support as the school collates all the feedback from the homework surveys collected in Term 1. Stage 1 homework will begin in Week 2 and will continue with a focus on Phonics, Home Reading and Mathletics, with an optional Lifestyle grid of activities to complete at the bottom. The school is working towards finalising its homework implementation guidelines this term.

Assemblies

K-6 assemblies are on Wednesdays in week 3, 6 and 9 at 2:20pm. Each class will run a class assembly during Term 2 or 3 on a Friday at 11:30am. Class assemblies are an opportunity for students to show parents a few things they have been learning about in class. Your child will bring home an invitation before their class assembly to let you know when it is on.

Reports

Semester 1 reports will go home in Week 10. If you require a second copy of the report to be mailed to or provided for a parent not living with your child full time, please speak to your child's teacher.