

## STAGE 3 TERM 2 OVERVIEW

Miss Anderson, Mrs Parkinson, Miss Grosvenor and Mrs Houghton are looking forward to another busy term with Stage 3!

Our **Geography** unit this term is called '*People of the World*'. Students will be exploring the geographical and cultural features of Asia, with a country study of Papua New Guinea. In the second half of the term, we will be completing an Inquiry Learning Project (ILP) which will see students investigate an indigenous culture from another country and create informative resources. Part of this project will also involve a take-home task, where students will create an artefact from the indigenous culture they have studied. This unit was very successful and engaging in 2017 and we are looking forward to seeing Stage 3 participate again!

Integrated within our Geography unit will also be a focus on **Informative Writing**. Students will study the language features of non-fiction texts and have several opportunities to write their own informative pieces to communicate with audiences. Part of the ILP involves writing a detailed fact-file which will become part of a class encyclopaedia on Indigenous cultures.

**Reading** programs are individual to each class and will involve the close study of texts, as well as developing skills in comprehension, spelling and grammar. We will also be encouraging our students to continue reading as much as they can at home through homework and the Home Reading Program. The only way to become a better reader is to read every day!

This term in **Mathematics**, students will be learning about Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Length and Area, Position (Grid References on Atlases) and Data. Some of these units will also have links to our **STEM** program this term on Digital Technologies. Students will be learning how to code and program our new *Dash* and *Dot* robots so that they could potentially guide visitors to the school!

As always, each class will have multiple opportunities for **Creative Arts** and **PD/H/PE**. On Thursday after Scripture, Stage 3 will participate in Boot Camp for 15 minutes – completing a different set of exercises with each teacher. All students will work with Mr McDonald to learn about the components of physical activity, how to measure fitness and complete a study on why nutrients are important. Mr McDonald will also prepare students for the upcoming Athletics Carnival.

Term 2 will have Stage 3 involved in some important events and opportunities. In Week 3, our Year 5 students will be completing their **NAPLAN** assessments. We will be encouraging our students to do their best! In Week 2, our **Gifted and Talented** Writing and Mathematics Pull-Out Programs will start. Several students have been selected to participate in these groups in order to assist in extension and enrichment. More information on these programs for Gifted and Talented students will be presented in Week 5 at the Parent Information Session. Early this term our Student Leadership team will be attending the **GRIP Student Leadership Conference** and in Week 8 the school will be having an **Interrelate** session with more information to follow in the coming weeks.

Term 2 is when many of our extra-curricular groups, such as Debating, Public Speaking, Dance, Choir and Drama can become busy – so we will make sure to keep you updated with all events!

We have a very busy, very exciting term ahead of us in Stage 3. VRPS staff have been extremely impressed with the maturity and enthusiasm of our Year 5 and 6 students and are looking forward to another great term!