Specialist Term 2 Newsletter

Prep Term Focus

Visual Arts | During Term 2 students will communicate their observations of colours, shapes and patterns within nature and man-made environments. They will demonstrate their ability to replicate and repeat patterns using a variety of processes and materials including printing. They will explore different landscapes using key language introduced in class. Most lessons will involve painting. Please ensure your child has an art smock to ensure participation in all tasks.

P.E | **FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS –** Students will participate in a variety of games and activities that are designed to improve their Fundamental Movement Skills of Catch, Over/Underarm Throw and Kick. There is a strong focus on working cooperatively with others and following rules. Students are encouraged to practice these skills at home.

**DANCE- Exploring movement**

French | In Term 2 the French program is integrated with Inquiry learning in History. Prep students will focus on describing their family members and their origins in French. They will learn key vocabulary such as ma mère, mon père, ma soeur, mon frère, mes grandparents. Students will learn key phrases such as Voici ma famille and On vient d'Australie/Grece/Chine/Italie/Angleterre et plus.

Year 1 and 2 Term Focus

Visual Arts | This term students will explore animals in Art. They will focus on replicating animals by learning drawing techniques such as identifying the basic shapes within the body and head before adding features. Drawing styles such as cartoon and realistic will be explored along with painting techniques to achieve feathers, scales and fur. Pattern and texture will be a strong focus and central to class discussions. Please ensure your child has an art smock at school.

P.E | **FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS – Soccer** Students will engage in a variety of modified games that provide plenty of opportunities for practice in an atmosphere of exploration and experimenting. The importance of rules and fair play are explored through competitive modified games. Students will explore how to run for 5/10 minutes without stopping. They are encouraged to practice these skills at home.

French | **Paris Historique-** This term students will expand their historical knowledge and understanding of Paris by examining a number of significant buildings and landmarks. They will identify key features and consider both context and purpose. Comparison with historical buildings in Kew will be made.

Year 3 & 4 Term Focus

Visual Art | Students will complete a ceramics unit, developing their understanding of the processes involved with clay as a medium, including techniques to shape and join. They will be painting their work using a variety of tools and ceramic specific paints. The unit will also explore the significance and use of masks in different cultures. Please ensure your child has an art smock at school.

P.E | **INVASION GAMES– Soccer and Netball** Students will engage in drills/games/activities designed for skill improvement. Students that are confident with these skills will be given opportunities to coach others.

**ATHLETICS**

Students will be given the opportunity to improve their running in an endurance event in preparation for the House Cross Country in ability groups. At the end of term, students will learn the Running, Jumping and Throwing events in preparation for House Athletics.

French | **Les Personnes Historiques** Students will examine key historical figures and consider the reasons why identified examples are famous. What significance do they have for us today? What is their contribution to society? Students will then complete a personal profile of their chosen French historical person.
Year 5 & 6 Term Focus

**Visual Arts**
This term students will complete a photography unit, exploring the work of several photographers before completing their own project. A key focus will be on using photography to communicate a personal message or idea. They will also investigate how they can use technology to manipulate and enhance their work. During the term students will also complete an artist study unit.

**P.E**

**INVASION GAMES – Soccer**
Students will be involved in drills that give opportunities to improve Marking, Handballing, Kicking and Ball control. All students will experience games depending on ability levels.

**INVASION GAMES – Netball – Sports Education**
This unit of work is student driven. Students will be placed in teams and prepare themselves for games through planned warm-ups, drills and team meetings. Students will explore different roles in sport.

**ATHLETICS**
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**French**

**Les enfants du 19ème siècle**
Using a CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) approach, students will study the history topic *Les enfants du 19ème siècle (Children of the 19th century)*. They will learn about life, society, work and culture in the 19th century, from the perspective of the child. They will reflect on cultural issues using empathy and imagination in order to understand people’s experiences in another time and place.

Library News
In the library this term we will have a book fair in May. We will also have a Family Reading Afternoon. Of course there will be lots of reading with the Premiers’ Reading Challenge now underway. Students may still register, they can collect a permission form from the Library or the office. The challenge is a great way to guide students towards quality literature that is suitable for their year level. The library has many new books available - encourage your children borrow and share these books with you.

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