This term, we will be addressing the Science curriculum with our Inquiry topic ‘Mission to Mars’. Students will be exploring the possibility of humans colonising Mars in the future and evaluating this possibility.

Play Shed

The Play Shed has been a hit. The purpose of the shed is to promote, positive and creativity play. Students are presented with a wide variety of construction material to create and problem solve in groups. It is an excellent opportunity to negotiate and compromise. The Year 5 & 6’s have been an integral part in helping this get off the grounds across the school as they help distribute and pack up at each session.

2017 Jumper Design

This term, the Grade 5 students will be designing their Grade 6 jumpers for next year. Order forms have gone home and fitting will happen later this term, date TBA. If you need another form, please let your classroom teacher know.
P.E. News & Dates from Clare

Milo 8’s Cricket Comp for those students interested 21st October

Year 3&4 Bike Ed Ride – Physical Action Team will be assisting

Tennis Regionals – The girls teams made it through, taking place on 20th October

Battle Ball for Year 5 and 6 will take place this term. Date to be confirmed.

More Important News

Mathematics

Year 5 will be focusing on further developing problem solving and word questions as well as their understanding and knowledge of division. We will continue to work through different rich maths tasks, where students will inquire and investigate into a range of mathematical concepts.

Year 6 students will be applying their geometric learning from the end of term 3, into designing their own golf hole. Through this rich maths task, students will be using protractors to measure a range of angles, calculating the area/perimeter of a range of regular polygons, calculating percentage discounts, investigating ‘best buy options’ and solving simple ratios.

They will continue to investigate a range of mental and written strategies to solve a range of mathematical problems of varying complexity using all four operations.

Our Targeted Maths focus for Year 5 & 6 this term will be on developing student’s multiplicative and divisional knowledge and understanding. This maths program will take place most weeks and will run for an hour session. The teaching and learning will be very targeted and specific to student’s current level of understanding.

English

Year 5 Students will write explanation texts and continue with ‘seed,’ writing where they are working on stories and poems of their choice. The reading focus will be on further development of comprehension and analysis skills based on the novel that they are reading during reading circles. In spelling we will focus on irregular, plurals and suffixes. Students will have the opportunity to study the meanings of words and investigate the history of how language has changed.

Year 6 To develop speaking skills students will be involved in debating and presentations and explanations of the science they have investigated during the Science Inquiry. They will write scientific reports and have the opportunity to further explore persuasive discussion writing. Reading will continue to focus on novel discussion during Literature Circles using fiction and specific non-fiction texts based on science to integrate the inquiry topic.

Reading in Class

Senior School Expectations

Students are expected to have a personal novel that they are reading during silent reading. It can be a book from our extensive library at school or one they have brought from home.

We are developing the habit and fostering the love and routine of reading.

There is something special about reading a book and turning the pages but we are seeing an increase in iBook popularity but they must be a full downloaded version not a sample of a book.

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