



15<sup>th</sup> May, 2014

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 5/6,

Welcome back to school for Term 2! This term is our shortest term for 2014 - with only 9 weeks of classes - but already it's shaping up to be extremely busy!

Already we have had our K-6 Athletics Carnival last week, and our Year 5 students have sat their NAPLAN examinations this week. Year 6 students have also been designing and organising their Year 6 shirts, with more information about this to follow soon.

Next week, our students in Years 5 & 6 will be heading down to Tea Gardens for our Great Aussie Bush Camp, which promises to be an exciting week for all. Upon our return, many of students will then compete at PSSA Cross Country next Friday, with some hopefully progressing onto Northwest level in Week 7. Towards the end of the term school reports will be sent home, and we will host Parent-Teacher interviews.

In class this term, we will continue to explore a range of different topics across all curriculum areas. In English, we will follow the Accelerated Literacy methodology to explore *The Barrumbi Kids*, by Leonie Norrington. As part of our study, we will be exploring the language, purpose and structure of imaginative texts, particularly of stories and narratives.

In Mathematics, students will be looking at wide variety of mathematical concepts in the new Australian Curriculum for Mathematics, including skills and content from each of the 3 strands: Number and Algebra, Statistics and Probability, and Measurement and Geometry.

In Science, we will be investigating an Earth Science topic addressing various geographical landforms and events. In 5/6W, the science unit will be taught by Mr Bock.

In HSIE, our focus for Term 2 is *Gold*. Students will be learning about the history of gold in Australia, and the impact that this had had on our society, government and cultural identity. Mrs Newton will be teaching the HSIE unit to students in 5/6W.

In Creative Arts, all students in Upper Primary will continue to be involved in weekly singing lessons each Tuesday afternoon. Our students have been enjoying the opportunity to sing as a group for enjoyment, at the same time as being exposed to new songs, genres and musical concepts. In our classrooms, the Visual Arts unit for this term is built around fantasy works.

In terms of Organisation, all Term 1 routines will continue in both classes this term. Mrs Newton takes Library with 5/6U on Tuesdays and 5/6W on Wednesdays. Mrs Newton also teaches HSIE to 5/6W on Thursdays, and Mr Bock works with both classes each Wednesday during teacher relief time. Sport remains on Fridays.

Thank you for your support during Term 1, and we look forward working with you - and more importantly, your children - this term.

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