

Culcairn Public School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Term 2, we have a great term planned. The topics we will cover in each Key Learning Area are as follows:

<u>English</u>

To begin this term 4-5 will be focusing on a range of spoken, print, visual and digital Imaginative texts. We will be integrating this with our Inquisitive unit; Factors That Shape Places. Students will be focusing on improving vocabulary, punctuation and grammar techniques within their writing, and further developing their comprehension skills. 4-5 will also be writing speeches this term.

For Spelling, students are grouped according to their spelling placement test. Students break into their spelling groups four times a week to follow the Spelling Mastery Program. This program helps students to understand the relationship between sounds, word parts and spelling patterns. Students are taught in small steps, using sufficient practice, so that they can comprehend how spelling works and can become proficient writers.

<u>Maths</u>

Maths will consist of Number Talks, which involve students participating in discussions around different Maths topics. This allows opportunities for them to clarify their own thinking, consider and test other strategies, build a repertoire of efficient strategies to then make decisions about choosing efficient strategies for specific problems. Students will then apply these strategies through different tasks according to their current level. We will be covering the following topics:

- Whole Number
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions and Decimals
- Patterns and Algebra
- Length
- Volume and Capacity
- Angles
- Time
- 2D and 3D Space
- Position
- Data
- Chance

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<u>Inquisitive</u>

Inquisitive is a unit that incorporates History and Geography concepts all in one. This term students will investigate how people change the natural environment in Australia and other places around the world. They will locate the major countries of North America and Europe and investigate their major characteristics including the influence of people on the environmental characteristics of places. They will be examining how people, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, have influenced the country's environmental characteristics.

Personal Development/Health/Physical Education

Mr Kent will be taking 4-5 for Personal Development, Health and Sport this term. In PD students will be learning about personal safety and development.

Sport will be on Wednesdays and students will practice a range of Fundamental Movement Skills through a range of different sports. They will be participating in soccer, athletics, touch-football and gymnastics this term.

<u>Science</u>

Students will be looking at Forces this term, and will be learning that objects move as a result of a push or pull force. They will understand that forces can be exerted by one object on another through direct contact or from a distance. Students will question, explore and experiment, investigate different types of forces, including gravitational force and magnetism. To conclude the unit, students will follow the design and produce process, exploring how forces are used and interact in a produce or system.

Creative Arts

In Creative Arts this term we will be linking activities to different learning areas. We will be looking at a range of artists and experiment with a variety of different tools and techniques.

<u>Library</u>

Students will attend weekly library sessions to borrow their books. Please ensure students have a suitable bag to place their books in each Monday.

Home Learning

Homework will set on Matific each Monday and should be completed by Friday. If you have any concerns about home learning please contact me. Homework should not be a major battle or source of stress in the household.

If you have any questions or inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me on Class Dojo.

Yours in Education

Miss Seidel CLASS 4-5 TEACHER