



## Year 5 Teaching and Learning – Term 1

A warm welcome back to school for another year. We trust that all families had an enjoyable break and that students are energised and ready for grade 5.

Term one promises to be a busy and exciting term. All classes have started the year with our whole school Quality Beginnings Program which runs for the first two weeks of the school year. The Quality Beginnings Program is an incredibly important and beneficial program that sets students up for a positive year. During Quality beginnings students and teachers build relationships and establish classroom expectations and routines. You might like to ask your child/ren about some of the fun activities they have been doing and what they have learnt about Growth Mindset.

Towards the end of the term all students in grade 5 will participate in the Westgarth swimming program at Northcote pool. More information on the swimming program will be coming home soon so keep an eye out.

The grade 5 information evening is this Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of February. If you are unable to attend you can find a copy of the slide show presentation on the Westgarth Primary School website. Please remember to make an appointment with your child's teacher if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Looking forward to a fantastic year!

The Year 5 Team

Sharon, Andy, Megan, Hannah, Aimee and Jess

### Important dates /Upcoming events

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| Jan 30 <sup>th</sup>                            | First Day of School              |
| Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>                             | Parent Information Night         |
| Feb 9 <sup>th</sup>                             | Welcome Picnic 6-8pm             |
| Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>                            | District Swimming                |
| March 1 <sup>st</sup>                           | School Photos                    |
| March 6 <sup>th</sup>                           | Division Swimming                |
| March 12 <sup>th</sup>                          | Labour Day (No School)           |
| March 16 <sup>th</sup> – March 28 <sup>th</sup> | Grade 5 Swimming Program (Daily) |
| March 29 <sup>th</sup>                          | Last Day of Term 1 (2:30 Finish) |

### Helping your child at home

**In line with Westgarth Primary School's New Homework Policy grade 5s are expected to:**

- Read daily (including reading to parents, listening to parents read to them and reading independently)
- Practise basic multiplication and division number facts to build automaticity
- Undertake research to support classroom work, projects and assignments
- From time to time students may be asked to complete classwork that was not finished at school

## **Student Absences**

The Department of Education have changed their policy and require all student absences to be reported to the school on the day of the absence (rather than within 3 days). To assist us managing this please report a student absence by 9am on the morning of the absence in one of these two ways: Flexibuzz App (preferred) or telephone (9481 5577) select option 1. If your child is going to be away for a longer period please provide the office with a note outlining the dates and reason for absence. For student absences over consecutive days, such as is ill for two days, the absence needs to be recorded each day of absence.

## **What we are learning this term in the classroom**

### **ENGLISH**

#### ***Reading and Viewing***

This year grade 5s will be engaged in several reading programs to build their reading (decoding) and comprehension skills. In Term 1 students will revise the 7 High Reliability Literacy Procedures (Getting Knowledge Ready, Building Vocabulary, Reading Aloud, Paraphrasing/Visualising, Saying Questions the Text Answers and Summarising). Grade 5s will also continue to develop their reading comprehension skills through the CARS program. CARS is a program consisting of 12 comprehension skills that are explicitly taught. Towards the end of term students will begin Literature Circles. Literature Circles are small groups of students who read and discuss the same novel. Literature Circles involve independent reading and work relating to an assigned role that must be completed before their in-class discussion or "Literature Circle." During Reading sessions, students will read a variety of texts from a range of genres, including articles relating to our term 1 Inquiry 'Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds'.

#### ***Writing***

Our Writing focus for this term is Exposition/Persuasive Writing. Students will learn about the structures and features of Persuasive texts and practise forming arguments and backing up their ideas with evidence. We will be following the writing process of planning, drafting, editing, conferencing (with a teacher) and publishing. Students will also work on their proof-reading and editing skills.

#### ***Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling***

Term 1 will have a strong focus on developing the student's understanding of spelling, grammar and punctuation. In spelling students will be looking at common letter patterns (e.g. journey, sour, tour) and spelling rules including those involving doubling letters and plurals. Grammar and punctuation focus topics include the correct use of commas, apostrophes and homophones.

### **MATHEMATICS**

Have you ever wondered how much is a million? If one million children stood on each other's shoulders, would they really reach higher than aeroplanes can fly? This term we'll be focusing on laying solid foundations in numeration and addition and subtraction facts. Students will also have the opportunity to explore and deeply understand really big numbers such as those that stretch well beyond a million. We'll also have fun busting a few number myths along the way.



Students will continue getting to know each other and this time through data and statistics. Students will create accurate survey's, collect real data and learn how to represent their data visually in different types of graphs. They will also learn that some graphs are more suited to particular sets of data than others and why.

## **INQUIRY**

This term, year 5 students will be investigating physical and emotional wellbeing through our inquiry Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds. Students will explore the systems of the human body and how they interrelate, as well as developing an understanding of how personal actions, such as a healthy diet and exercise, can contribute positively to the physical and emotional wellbeing of ourselves and others in the community. Students will then collaborate to design and deliver a lesson to help others improve an aspect of their physical or mental health.

### **Specialist timetable**

|                     | <b>Monday</b>        | <b>Tuesday</b>                | <b>Wednesday</b>                       | <b>Thursday</b>               | <b>Friday</b>        |
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| <b>Sharon</b>       | Spanish Art          | Music                         | Kitchen Garden<br>Spanish<br>Discovery | PE                            | 5/6 Sport<br>Library |
| <b>Megan</b>        | Spanish<br>Discovery | Spanish Art<br>Kitchen Garden | Library<br>PE                          | Music                         | 5/6 Sport            |
| <b>Andy/Jess</b>    | PE                   | Library                       | Spanish<br>Discovery<br>Spanish Art    | Kitchen Garden<br>Music       | 5/6 Sport            |
| <b>Amiee/Hannah</b> | Library<br>Music     | Spanish<br>Discovery          | PE                                     | Kitchen Garden<br>Spanish Art | 5/6 Sport            |

### **What we are learning this term in specialist classes**

#### **Physical Education -**

This term the Grade 5s will be participating in a cricket unit while concentrating on learning to be a good sport. Students will consolidate their ball and striking skills in cricket and play some T20 cricket matches. Other units of work students will participate in this term are bat tennis and tennis. At the end of the term will begin our fitness unit, which will carry over to term 2. The Grade 5s have all joined a summer sport team for interschool sport. The sports on offer were cricket, bat tennis, rounders and softball. Students will be involved in training and playing practise games at school every Friday morning. This will provide a great base for them to be involved in representing Westgarth and playing other schools when they reach Grade 6. Students who qualified to represent Westgarth at swimming will compete in District Swimming on Tuesday 27<sup>rd</sup> February.

#### **Music-**

This term in music, grade 5 students will be attempting to learn and play a number of different chords and simple chord progressions on a variety of instruments such as uke, guitar, xylophone, keyboard and marimba. We will then use this knowledge to create and play a version of a song from popular culture as a class ensemble. Students who have been learning an instrument outside of school are encouraged to bring it in (if possible) to use as part of the ensemble. Through this process we will be looking at elements of music such as structure, dynamics, tempo and texture.

#### **Discovery/Spanish-**

This term, students in year 5 will explore the solar system and expand their knowledge of Spanish. They will be able to write sentences in Spanish while discovering more about the different features of the solar system and comparing the characteristics of the different planets.

To see the great work students do in class, you can check the Spanish website!

<http://wgpspanish.wix.com/westgarthspanish>

**Art/Spanish -**

In term one students in grade 5 will explore the art concepts of line, colour, value, shape, texture and composition through a “colour in by number” self-portrait inspired by the artist Andy Warhol. Along the way students will continue to develop their Spanish vocabulary to be able to communicate in the Spanish/Art classroom. To find out more about what we are doing in the Spanish classrooms you can visit the Spanish website <http://wgpspanish.wix.com/westgarthspanish>.