



Year 5 Term News – Term 4 2018

A warm welcome back for the final term of the school year! We trust that all families had an enjoyable break and that students are energised and ready for term 4. Remember to see your child's classroom teacher if you wish to discuss anything about your child.

Looking forward to a fantastic term

The year 5 team,

Megan, Hannah, Alice, Sharon and Andy

2019 School Leaders

Term 4 is an exciting time for all grade 5 students as they begin the transition to grade 6 and become leaders within the school. As part of this transition all grade 5 students will participate in a leadership program in class focusing on building presentation skills, responsibility, organisation and teamwork. As part of this program students will be introduced to the leadership opportunities available next year and the process of applying for these roles. There are several leadership opportunities in grade 6 and we encourage all students to apply. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Grade 6 Camp 2019

Grade 6 camp 2019 is running from Wednesday February 6th to Friday February 8th (week 2 of Term 1 2019) As this camp occurs early in the year camp information and permission forms will be sent home in the coming weeks.

SunSmart

In line with Westgarth's SunSmart Policy all students must be wearing a hat for outdoor activities. This includes every recess and lunch time, PE lessons, outdoor Kitchen/Garden sessions and 5/6 Sport on Fridays.

Absences

Please notify the school via FlexiBuzz, phone or a written note if your child is absent on the day of their return. Please also let the school and the teacher know in writing if you are planning on taking an extended holiday.

Important Dates

October	
9 th	Division Athletics (some students)
18 th	Parliament Process Workshop 1
23 rd	Yarning Conference (some students)
31 st	SuperSpeak Workshop

24 th	Junior School Council Talent Show
30 th	Parent Information Session – Emotional Regulation
November	
2 nd	Pupil Free Day
6 th	Melbourne Cup Day
9 th	Triathlon (Grade 4-6)
23 rd	2019 Grade 3-5 Swim Trials
December	
5 th	Art Show
11 th	Meet the Teacher

What we are learning this term in the classroom

ENGLISH

Reading and Viewing

Term 4 will see the grade 5s continuing to develop their reading comprehension skills through the CARS program. CARS is a program consisting of 12 comprehension skills that are explicitly taught with this term the focus being on word meaning in context, paraphrasing, predicting and inferring and figurative language. During Reading sessions, students will read a variety of texts from a range of genres, including articles related to our government inquiry and poetry so these concepts will be linked closely to these texts.

Writing

In writing this term students will investigate the genre of Explanation Texts and the language features and structure associated. Students will also be getting creative with a focus on 'Slam Poetry'. Students will explore elements of poetry and what modern poetry can look and sound like. Students will be encouraged to express themselves and their ideas through their poetry which they will perform.

Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation

Term 4 will continue to have a strong focus on developing the students' understanding of spelling, grammar and punctuation. In spelling, students will have the chance to explore the Greek and Latin root word origins, have some fun with homophones/homographs/homonyms and will research some more uncommon irregular plurals. We will also revisit contractions, apostrophes of possession, sentence types, clauses, phrases and affixes.

Speaking and Listening

This term all students will be writing and delivering a speech to their class as part of our leadership program.

MATHS

Term 4 will see the year 5s begin their fractions and decimal unit and commence a patterns and algebra unit. Students will also undertake a unit on measurement, specifically chance, volume, capacity and time.

We encourage all families to take an active interest in your child's learning and continue to practise mathematical skills at home and make the most of 'maths in real life' experiences. By the end of year 5 all students are expected to achieve automaticity of multiplication and division facts to 10 x 10 and basic addition and subtraction facts. It is important that the students dedicate time every week to practise and reinforce these skills. You could help your child by quizzing them or playing games with dice and cards. Don't forget to subscribe to Donald Eddington TV on YouTube for detailed tutorials about methods that are taught in class.

INQUIRY

The students will identify the values that underpin Australia's democracy and explain the importance of the electoral process. Through investigations, scenarios and role play they will describe the levels of government in Australia's democracy and the role of parliaments in creating law. Students will explain what it means to be an Australian citizen, analyse contemporary issues and use evidence to support a point of view about civics and citizenship issues. A visit to Parliament House and the running of a mock parliament will help students identify possible solutions to an issue as part of a plan for action and enable them to participate effectively in groups to achieve shared goals. These activities will also be closely tied to the leadership training Year 5 undertake in Term 4 in preparation for Year 6.

Specialist timetable					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sharon	Spanish Art	Music	Kitchen Garden Spanish Discovery	PE	5/6 Sport Library
Megan	Spanish Discovery	Kitchen Garden	Library Spanish Art PE	Music	5/6 Sport
Andy/Alice	PE	Library	Spanish Discovery Spanish Art	Kitchen Garden Music	5/6 Sport
Alice/Hannah	Library Music	Spanish Discovery	PE	Kitchen Garden Spanish Art	5/6 Sport

What we are learning this term in specialist classes

Physical Education -

This term is filled to the brim with fun events. The grade 5s will be completing units on gymnastics, orienteering, netball, basketball and outdoor ultimate frisbee. Westgarth offers many extra-curricular sporting events for interested students to sign up to. This term we have the district team triathlon event on Wednesday 21st November at the Northcote pool and swimming trials for our 2019 Westgarth team on Friday 23rd November at the Northcote pool. Grade 5s will continue to train in their interschool summer sport teams on Friday mornings.

Music- This term in music grade 5 will be revisiting some of the work from term 2 and term 3. We will be creating some musical compositions using the ipad app garageband using a combination of electronic and acoustic instruments. We will also be completing the tuned percussion compositions that were created in the first few weeks of term 3. In addition, we will be brushing up on some of the more formal aspects of music like rhythm reading, the notes of the treble clef stave and playing some 4 part tuned percussion pieces.

Science/Spanish-

Students will explore how natural events cause changes on the Earth's surface. They will explore how these changes can affect living things. By describing the effects of geographical challenges on different people, students will identify and compare responses to geographical events. Students will be encouraged to use the Spanish language to communicate their ideas and findings. By doing this, they will be able to write sentences using simple verbs and expand their vocabulary in Spanish.

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

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

Art/Spanish -

In term four we're going to be very busy finishing off and framing all our beautiful art in preparation for the art show, coming up on the 5th of December. Students in grade 5 are going to finish their artworks inspired by relevant artists in the history of art, which is the theme for the show. We're keen for parent helpers in preparation for the show, if you would like to volunteer please come and see Marta in the art room. To find out more about what we are doing in the Spanish classrooms you can visit the Spanish website

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