



Year 6 Teaching and Learning – Term 4

A warm welcome back to everyone for the Year 6's highly anticipated last term ever of Westgarth Primary School! The year has been jam-packed and the time has truly flown by. The excitement is definitely building for this term as planning for graduation, completion of the curriculum, year books, and the most positive way to say last farewells to primary school is underway. This year has been full of educational, and long-lasting experiences for our outgoing cohort of sixes. As their teachers, we know that they will eagerly approach the challenges and excitement of secondary school, and keenly enjoy the last term of their time at Westgarth. Please don't hesitate to be in touch if you would like to discuss anything with your child's teacher over this term as they prepare for the transition to secondary school.



Thanks kindly, Glenn, Madeline, Mhairi and Tessa

Important diary dates for Term 4:

October	November	December
<p>9th- Division Athletics 10th- Division Basketball 11th- Girl's round robin soccer day 21st- Whopping great fete 23rd- Regional Basketball 24th- Northcote High School visit to speak with incoming students 24th- JSC Talent show 29th- State athletics 30th- Ivanhoe Grammar visit to speak with incoming students</p>	<p>2nd- Curriculum day (pupil free day) 6th- Melbourne Cup (public holiday) 16th, 23rd, 30th- Footsteps graduation dance rehearsals (2.20pm-3.30pm) 21st - Grade 4-6 triathlon</p>	<p>5th- Art Show 7th, 12th- Footsteps graduation dance rehearsals (2.20pm-3.30pm) 11th- Grade 6 transition day for state secondary schools 13th- Graduation 14th- Reports go home 18th- Whole school concert 21st- Last day of term, 1.30pm dismissal</p>

What we are learning this term in the classroom

- **English term overview**

Our major writing focus will be on learning how to write a detailed and interesting biography. We will further place an even greater emphasis on developing spelling, grammar, and punctuation skills in preparation for high school. We will wrap the term, and year, up with students creating a special recount of their time at primary school to be used in their in Yearbooks. This term's reading will again be based around a class novel. 'Little Brother' by Alan Baillie involves themes which link to our current inquiry, such as the rule of government and global citizenship. The class novel activities will draw on a range of reading skills through using comprehension questions and regular discussion to consider and analyse the text.

- **Mathematics term overview**

We will continue reviewing and consolidating key numeracy skills taught over the year, as well as maintaining regular problem solving lessons. The areas we will specifically be focusing on in mathematics this term include:

- Order of operations and algebraic thinking

- Square and triangular numbers
- Prime and composite numbers
- Volume and capacity
- Chance
- **Inquiry term overview**

Our inquiry unit is called 'Power to the People' and focuses on Australia's system of government and what this means for us as Australians. The unit explores Australian government and the concept of democracy, as well as the purpose of laws and how they are made and enforced. It also asks students to examine and consider concepts of citizenship, values, diversity and identity- what does it mean to be a citizen of Australia and what does it mean to be a global citizen? The overarching unit aims to offer students a hands-on approach to exploring their future participation in Australia's government through the mock passing of a bill and considering the values that underpin Australia's democracy.

- **Social and emotional term overview**

Term 4 is a big term for Year 6 students and often can be an emotional time as students prepare for change and possibly attending different schools to their peers. We will continue with the Rights, Resiliency and Respectful Relationships program in classes, and endeavour to give students many opportunities to do activities together as they focus on cooperating and celebrating. Footsteps dance choreography for the graduation dance will commence from Friday of Week 6, and run for the final session on Friday until Graduation in Week 10. Some time each week will also be given for creating Year Books that students will display at graduation and then take home to keep. This enables students to think about the experiences they have had, how they have grown, what they value and discussing what they think comes next for them.

What we are learning this term in specialist classes

- **Music term overview** This term in music, Grade 6 will be revisiting some of the work from Term 2 and Term 3. We will be creating some musical compositions on 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 preparing for the end of year concert as well as getting a song ready to sing at grade 6 graduation.
- **Art term overview** 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 6 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>.
- **Spanish/Discovery term overview** 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>
- **Physical Education term overview** This term is filled to the brim with fun events. The grade 6s will be completing units on gymnastics, orienteering, netball, basketball and Ultimate Frisbee. Our extra-curricular event this term is the District Team triathlon event on Wednesday 21st November at the Northcote pool. Grade 6s will be strengthening their leadership skills through interschool sports and leading small groups through activities.