



## ***Stage 2 Newsletter Term 4***

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Stage 2 teachers are very excited to welcome your child back to school for face- to- face learning in Term 4. The students have done a wonderful job learning from home and the teachers are now working hard to ensure a smooth and seamless transition for the students back to the school environment. Parents, please continue to carefully read any notifications on the Schoolzine app and those sent via email.

### **Term 4 Curriculum focus areas**

The students will continue with daily Phonics / Spelling, Guided Reading and Writing activities with an ongoing focus on identifying and creating imaginative, persuasive and informative texts. Daily writing practise will also take place with journal writing. Mathematics will continue to incorporate daily problem solving in the form of a 'Question of the Day' with a focus on a series of specific strategies, as well as covering the three mathematical strands – Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. In Creative and Performing Arts, the students have been exploring Creative Arts techniques while learning at home and will continue to do so upon their return to school. They will be learning about Healthy Choices in PD/H lessons.

In Term 4, the students will be engaging with the Science Unit 'Material World'. This unit of work focuses on how solids and liquids change state and the properties of natural and processed materials. Students investigate how different properties of materials affect their suitability for products. They have the opportunity to develop a design solution to an identified need or opportunity, using a variety of materials. The unit also develops students' knowledge and understanding of the properties and performance of materials and the material sciences.

### **Sport**

Sport activities in Term 4 will take place on a class basis while COVID restrictions remain in place. PSSA competitions are also currently on hold due to the limitations on mixing student cohorts.



## **STEM**

The students did an amazing job completing a variety of activities during the STEM@HOME Challenge in Week 2 of this term as well as engaging with weekly STEM activities while working at home. We will continue to teach STEM lessons throughout the remainder of the term.

## **HOMEWORK**

Stage 2 students will resume receiving their homework on a fortnightly grid. The activities selected consolidate English and Mathematics concepts covered in class, as well as Inquiry concepts, Creative tasks and Community tasks.

We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead as we complete the remainder of 2021 learning with your child. As always, please contact your child's classroom teacher in the first instance if you have any questions or concerns. Following that, please contact Paul Marshall, Stage 2 Assistant Principal

Warm regards,

*Mr Marshall, Mrs Keast, Mrs Beedham, Mr Bath, Mrs Isaac,  
Mrs Rose, Mr McKay, Miss Thomson, Miss Walker, Mrs Yatras,  
Miss O'Connell, Miss Kehagias*