

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Term 1, 2024

Welcome to Year 5! It was great to see everyone back and eager to learn. We have lots of exciting adventures this year, including a 2night camp to Tyalgum. NAPLAN is this term and will be undertaken in week 8.

Our term newsletter includes key dates, overviews of curriculum taught this term, teachers contact details policy and expectations. Parents are also encouraged to download and check the QParents app to be aware of when important calendar events occur and payments are due.

It is also a great time to double check that your child's belongings are clearly named – hats, lunch boxes and water bottles. As the weather is still quite warm, ensure that your child brings a water bottle every day.

Key Dates

6 February – Parent Information Sessions: 5:30 – 6:15 & 6:30 – 7:15
9 February – 9am Leader's Badge Ceremony
26 February – P&C Meeting 7:30pm
5 March – Starlab Incursion
13-15 March – NAPLAN
19 March – Parent Teacher Interviews (3 – 7pm)?
21 March – School photos
22 March – Harmony Day
25 March – P&C Meeting – AGM 7:30pm
26 March – Senior Cross Country

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Specialist Timetables

The Arts (Dance): 5B Thursday, 5P, 5R Friday, 6/5F Monday
PE: 5B, 5P, 5R Thursday, 6/5F Friday
Health: 5B, 5R Thursday, 5P Friday, 6/5F Wednesday
Music: 5B, 6/5F Thursday, 5P, 5R Wednesday
Digital Technologies: 5B, 5P, 5R Thursday, 6/5F Monday
Chinese: 5B, 5P, 5R Tuesday
French: 5B, 5P, 5R Monday, 6/5F Wednesday

Curriculum

English - This term, English is all about fantasy text. We will be studying *Deltora Quest – Forrest of Silence* by Emily Rodda. Students will explore how to develop characters, setting and plot through the use of figurative language such as similes and metaphors. Students will then construct the first chapter of their very own fantasy narrative.

Maths In this unit students apply a variety of mathematical concepts in real-life, lifelike and purely mathematical situations.

Through the proficiency strands - understanding, fluency, problem-solving and reasoning students have opportunities to develop understandings of:

- Number and place value
- Fractions and decimals
- Using units of measurement
- Chance
- Data representation and interpretation

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Science This term, students analyse the structural features and behavioural adaptations that assist living things to survive in their environment. They will understand that science involves using evidence and comparing data to develop explanations. Students will investigate the relationships between the factors that influence how plants and animals survive in their environments, including those that survive in extreme environments, and use this knowledge to design creatures with adaptations that are suitable for survival in prescribed environments.

HASS This semester, students will be learning all about laws and rules - comparing the difference between laws and rules, understanding the different types, who creates them and who enforces them. Students will continue to build on their knowledge of human and environmental characteristics and compare differences between urban and rural communities. They will discover the effects of urbanisation on Australian communities and lastly, further their understanding on natural hazards and disasters.

PE Swimming – students will consolidate their knowledge of water safety, swimming, survival and rescue skills.

Cross Country – students will prepare to compete in our annual cross country by practicing running techniques and strategies and recording personal best times

Health Healthy Habits – This semester, students explore the concepts of health and wellbeing and the importance of healthy habits as a preventative measure. They identify good habits and how they contribute to overall health and wellbeing.

The Arts - Drama Throughout the semester students make and respond to dance from Australia and/or Asian countries using culture and landscapes as stimulus.

Chinese This term students will explore naming traditions in Chinese-speaking cultures and compare with their own experiences.

Technology in the Classroom - Hands off! (Design & Technologies) In this semester's unit students will investigate how electrical energy can control movement, sound or light in a designed product or system. As a summative task, students will design a solution to a selected environment's security need and plan/make a prototype electrical device that is part of the designed solution.

Homework

Homework at Sherwood State Schools aims to: - Consolidate learning - Establish good study habits - Build patterns of behaviour for lifelong learning beyond the classroom - Involve family members in learning. As per Sherwood's Homework Policy, Year 5 students are to complete 4 English Skills lessons per week. These lessons will be marked daily by the classroom teacher. Marking of these lessons provides valuable "teachable moments" thus it is imperative that books are returned to school every day. Our policy also states that children are to complete assigned Athletics activities and read for a minimum of 15 minutes per night. Reading can be from personal chosen novels or via the Sora app. Sora is an award-winning digital reading app that empowers students to discover age-appropriate eBooks, audiobooks and more from their diverse and vast library.

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