Welcome Back!!

Welcome to Year 5, 2016! It has been great to meet so many of you over the past 3 weeks. The children have settled back well and have made a great start to what we hope will be a really exciting year.

The students have been enjoying the use of their laptops and these go home today. Please make sure that they return to school each day fully charged. Please keep chargers at home as they are not required in school.

English

All three strands (Speaking and Listening, Reading and Viewing and Writing) of the English curriculum will be addressed each term. This term our focus will be on the genres of recount, narratives and persuasive texts. Narratives and persuasive texts are again the chosen genres for NAPLAN. Students will continue to read and comprehend a variety of text types, and are encouraged to read whenever possible outside of school.

Religion

During the first 3 weeks of term the Year 5s have been busily working on our Vision. Upon completion of this the children will study moral decision making, looking at right from wrong and how God and the Holy Spirit can help them in their choices. They will also look at Jesus’ commandment of Charity ‘love one another’, which will be linked closely with the work of CARITAS during the time of Lent.

Science

In Science the students will be exploring desert environments, looking at how plants and animals have adapted to survive in these harsh conditions. There will be a mix of written, experimental and research work undertaken over the course of this unit.

Mathematics

All three strands (Number and Algebra, Shape and Space and Measurement) of the Mathematics curriculum will be addressed each term. During Term One Year 5 will be working with numbers above one million, as well as exploring decimals and fractions. They will continue to work on units of measure including kilometres and identify appropriate units of measure for length, area, volume, capacity and mass. Students will also construct and interpret a range of graphs. Times tables will continue to be a focus, with students working on the speed at which they can recall these.

History

The early colonisation of Australia will be our Term One focus, with students researching the reasons for the development of colonies in different parts of Australia and how the areas changed as a result of this colonisation. Our main focus will be on the Moreton Bay area, as many students are very familiar with this area and may even have some family members who came to settle here.
Music

Music in Term One allows Year 5 students to begin the ‘Guitar Program’. This explores the basics of guitar playing and putting their learned musical knowledge into practice. Students will continue to develop singing and aural skills, as well as composing and musicology competencies.

HPE (Sport)

During Term One, students will be working on their overall levels of fitness in the run up to the Guardian Angels’ Cross Country Carnival. Students will work on their fitness levels by participating in various team sports as well as individual challenges.

Visual Arts

This term students will be studying the impact of different colour choices and colouring techniques. Many of the activities support other areas of the curriculum.

Students will also be given the opportunity to take part in a Raw Art incursion, where they will be making 3 Dimensional animal shields.

Technology

A big focus this term will be getting to know their Mac books. Students will learn about cyber safety and how to use the internet for effective research. They will also be learning how to use several different websites to support their learning. Students will also be practising their typing skills using the BBC Dance Mat Typing website.

NAPLAN

These tests will take place on the following days:

Tuesday 10th May - Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday 11th May - Reading

Thursday 12th May - Numeracy

Important Dates

Tuesday 16th February - Year Five Vision Ceremony - 2.15pm (Church)
Tuesday 15th March - RAW ART Incursion
Wednesday 24th February - 5 Blue leading assembly (Yr 6 are on camp)
Thursday 17th March - St Patrick’s Day
Thursday 24th March - Holy Thursday and Last Day of Term One