



EASTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Stage 3 – Term 1 Overview 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 1. The information below is a summary of some of the planned learning for Years 5 and 6 students during Term 1.

English

This term, the students will be consolidating their knowledge of persuasive and imaginative texts through reading and writing tasks. Year 6 students will explore *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan and *The Little Refugee* by Anh Doh. This unit will develop visual literacy concepts as well. Year 5 students will be engaged with English textual concepts such as character, narrative and argument through novel study. Students in both Year 5 and Year 6 will be using Super Six comprehension strategies in reading groups.

Mathematics

Stage 3 students will continue to develop key mathematical concepts, as well as developing higher order problem solving techniques. Some students will be participating in the Australasian Mathematical Olympiad Competition while all other students will be focusing on problem solving in ability groups.

History

This term Year 5 students will study the history of colonial Australia in the 1800s. Students look at the founding of British colonies and the development of a colony. They will learn about what life was like for different groups in the colonial period with a deep focus on the gold rush era. Year 6 students will study the different experience of people in Australia as a nation. They will explore the factors that led to Federation and trace experiences of democracy and citizenship over time.

Science

In Science, Stage 3 will study Material World. This focuses on how the properties of a range of materials and the way in which they are combined, determine their use and inform design solutions. Students will investigate the different properties of solids, liquids and gases, and consider combining and separating mixtures. Students will be introduced to fundamental concepts of chemistry and the introduction to materials technologies.

PDHPE

Stage 3 students will participate in the Fit Futures gymnastics program during Term 1. Summer PSSA runs throughout the term. Students not involved in PSSA will participate in Stage Sport, which consists of a range of activities. Stage 3 students will continue to develop fundamental movement skills in home sport time. Personal Development will be focusing on Cyber Safety for Year 5 and Managing Self for Year 6.

Creative Arts

This term, Stage 3 students will learn about safe dance practice and the importance of warming up and cooling down. They will participate in activities involving mirroring, complementing and contrasting shapes. Students will work in groups to compose dance sequences using the elements of space and relationships.

In Visual Arts, Stage 3 will study the unit, Shovel, Picks and Pans. This unit has a strong focus on appreciating activities and also offers students a range of experiences in artmaking. It considers how artists respond to events of significance in their own time and from other times. Making activities focus on students' development of skills in a range of techniques, including observational drawings, and colour and tonal mixing. The unit also provides opportunities for students to engage in research about selected artists.

Schoolzine App

This year, Eastwood Public School will use the School App to communicate with you. The new School App will link into our school website and newsletter. Parents and Carers will also be able to use the new App to communicate with the school. Attached is an instruction guide of how to download the new School App. After having signed in please subscribe to the appropriate groups. All parents should subscribe their child's year group as well as the Eastwood Public School group. We look forward to communicating with you through our new exciting School App.

BYOD Program

Year 6 may bring their laptops from the first day of school year 2020 as their BYOD program this year will be a continuation of BYOD 2019. The BYOD program for Year 5 will start on Tuesday, 4th of February 2020.

Our preferred minimum specifications for a Laptop device are below:

- A laptop with windows operating system
- With wireless connectivity - Wifi Module must support 5GHz frequency
- With USB port
- 5 to 6 hour battery life
- Adding ADP (accidental damage protection) insurance and NBD (next business day) on-site warranty is **recommended**

Please contact Mrs Cuasay through her email: cora.cuasay2@det.nsw.edu.au if you have questions about the Stage 3 BYOD program.

Thank you for your continued support.

Stage 3 Teachers