

**Dear Families,**

Welcome to Year 5. Year 5 is an exciting year in your child's development; a year of social, physical, academic and spiritual growth. Your child will be required to take greater responsibility with their learning and actions. It is our aim to challenge the student's learning in a safe and supportive environment.

The first few weeks of school is a time of settling in to the new routines, expectations and getting to know each other. It is also a time where teachers need to assess where the students are in their learning journey. As a result, your child will complete a writing sample, spelling test, AR Star Reader, Running Record (if applicable) and a Maths test. These tests give teachers insight into your child's needs.

**Curriculum Areas**

**Religious Education**

Our Religion unit this term will be 'Prayer and Celebration' which explores the various types of prayers and using scripture to guide our prayer. Students will be required to create a Prayer Booklet identifying the five different types of prayer and an example of each. Please return the Letters to God Permission slip.

**English**

The Literacy Block runs in the first session of the school day. The format consists of:

1. Teacher reading to students (modelling effective reading strategies).
2. A learning focus (determined by the curriculum and needs of students).
3. 20 minutes uninterrupted writing. You can assist your child by talking about writing ideas, cutting out interesting pictures, which your child can stick in to their Writers Note Book. Followed by 10 minutes sharing their work (accountability and learning from each other).
4. 20 minutes uninterrupted AR reading. You can assist by reminding your child to pack their novel in their bag ready for school. Followed by 10 minutes sharing their reading.
5. Group activities focused on spelling, grammar, punctuation and handwriting, with particular emphasis on writing, spelling and reading strategies. Followed by sharing their learning.

This Literacy Block will require students to edit, publish and present their writing during Publication Celebrations.

**Mathematics**

Students will consolidate their skills in all areas of Mathematics. The first part of the term, we will be focussing on number facts, in particular Times Tables. We encourage all families to support their child at home by quizzing in the car, while walking or during dinner. Remember to make it fun! Students will be using an online learning tool as part of their warm-up called Studyladder. Students will be completing Rapid Recall Number Facts. Questions can be adapted to meet the needs of individual students. Our focus this term will be Whole Numbers, up to and including ten million. Followed by Measurement, Investigating Number and Statistics and Probability.

**Music**

Music will be taught by Mrs McFaul. Students will be learning about Australian music and will be researching and presenting a song that is connected personally to them.

**Integrated; Geography, Science, Visual Art, ICT and Library**

Students will be exploring how humans impact different environments; both negatively and positively. They will be required to ask questions, observe a local environment (the Queanbeyan River), research information, sketch and paint diverse environments, draw conclusions, engage with Google expeditions and present their work. Students will be working not only with their Year 5 teachers, but also Mrs Greentree and Mr Wigg.

**PDHPE**

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education will be taught by Mr Maloney. An additional Sport lesson will be held on Thursdays at 2:15pm.

**Music, PDHPE, AR Lounge Timetable**

	<b>5 Red</b>	<b>5 Gold</b>	<b>5 Blue</b>
<b>Music</b>	Tuesday 2:15pm – 2:55pm	Tuesday 12:20pm	Monday 2:15pm – 2:55pm
<b>PDHPE</b>	Tuesday 1:00pm – 1:40pm Thursday 12:20pm – 1:00pm	Monday 12:20pm – 1:40pm	Monday 10:20am – 11:00am 11:40am – 12:20pm
<b>Integrated Library</b>	Tuesday 9:00-11:00am	Tuesday 9:00-11:00am	Tuesday 9:00-11:00am
<b>AR Lounge</b>	Tuesday 12:20pm	Tuesday 1:00pm	Tuesday 2:15pm

**Library books with a bag are required on Tuesdays.**

**5 Red wear sports uniform – Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**5 Gold and 5 Blue wear sports uniform – Mondays and Thursdays**

**Home Learning Booklet**

This term Home Learning will begin in Week 3.

Home Learning will consist of:

1. 25 minutes reading.
2. Spend 20 minutes working on the Home Learning activity.
3. Any unfinished/ongoing work from school.

Students are expected to complete a MAXIMUM of 45 minutes of home learning per evening. There is an Opt-Out Option form available. Please email your class teacher if required.

**Additional Notes**

Please provide the following;

- A box of tissues and hand sanitiser for your child's class,
- A fruit or vegetable snack for your child (when packing lunches we are a nut, fish and egg free school),
- A water bottle,
- A labelled school hat; the School has a NO HAT, SEEK SHADE rule,
- A written or emailed note explaining absences,
- Headphones to use during Literacy Blocks, Music and working on the Chrome Books.

**Contact**

Each week, you will receive an emailed 'Weekly Update'. This informs you of the upcoming learning week. It is a powerful tool, as you can use it to talk with your child about their specific learning.

Please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We want the best for every child in Year 5.