

GOING GOLD !

Class 56A Newsletter | Term 2, 2021 | Brigitta McGarrigle

Literacy

In Literacy this term we are working on improving our abilities to read an ever increasing range of texts. Throughout the term, students will work on improving their comprehension skills, finding the main idea, locating supporting details, comparing and contrasting, and making connections.

In Writing, students are focussed on creatively expressing ideas in narratives and convincingly stating opinions in persuasive texts. Students will set goals to improve their writing skills, and to create transactional texts inspired by the topic of 'Money Markets and Citizenship'.

Numeracy

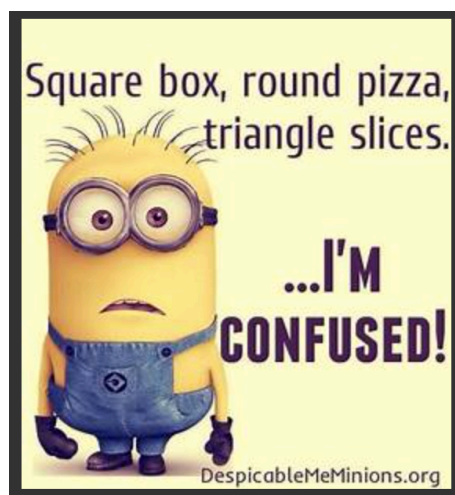
In Math this term, our focus is Number, with a particular emphasis on fractions and multiplicative thinking. We will be using 'Booster Groups' as a way to set challenging tasks. Students will learn to interpret and solve a variety of problems in real life contexts.

A perfect opportunity to prepare for NAPLAN is by practising the basic 'times tables' skills at home!

Homework

Homework will resume week 3 with students expected to read for 20mins per day after selecting a 'good fit' book.

They will also be given a math activity or a 'MathMate' task to complete. Regular practice of the basic number and times tables facts is always a good idea!



Welcome Back!

I hope this newsletter finds everybody settled and ready to tackle a busy term ahead. Please check below for some of the exciting events we have planned. A parent/student evening entitled 'Growing and Knowing', has been tentatively booked for May 25th. This evening has been organised to supplement our science unit and may well be held via 'Zoom'. Please look out for further updates on this.

Term 2 is going to be a RIPRR!

This term, our integrated topics are 'Money Markets and Citizenship' and 'Growing and Knowing'.

'Money Markets and Citizenship' examines the role of money in our society and economy. Whereas 'Growing and Knowing' focuses on biology and the changes that take place in our bodies over a lifetime. In grades five and six the main emphasis is on moving from childhood into adolescence. We have booked an information evening to supplement this topic and hope that your family can join us on the night.

NAPLAN begins in week four and it is important for all students to be well rested and relaxed, particularly those completing the tests.

Our grade is still working hard on implementing our motto, 'Going Gold', and showing our RIPRR values, in particular being 'Respectful in Every Way'.

Important Term 2 Dates

Mother's Day stall	Friday 7th May
Girl's Movie Night	Friday 7th May
NAPLAN Testing years 3 & 5	Tuesday 11th - Thursday 13th May
Curriculum Day	Thursday 20th May
District Cross Country	Friday 21st May
'Growing & Knowing' Evening	Tuesday 25th May (to be confirmed)
Education Week Open Night	Wednesday 26th May
Jump Rope for Heart	Friday 25th May
Boy's Movie Night	Friday 11th June
Queen's Birthday	Monday 14th June
Term 2 ends 2.30pm	Friday 25th June

