Year Six Term Overview – Parent Information Term 1 2016

| Important Events and Dates |  |
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| **Week 4** | Monday to Friday | Getting to know you interviews |
|  | Friday 26 February | Senior Assembly 2.00pm hosted by Year 6 |
| **Week 5** | Friday 4 March | Clean Up Australia Day |
| **Week 6** | Tuesday 8 March | Swimming Carnival Year 3 - 6 |
|  | Friday 11 March | Senior Assembly 2.00pm hosted by 4L |
| **Week 7** | Monday 14 March | Canberra Day |
|  | Friday 18 March | Earth Hour |
|  | Saturday 19 March | National Day of Action |
| **Week 8** | Monday 21 March | Harmony Day |
|  | Friday 25 March | Good Friday |
| **Week 9** | Monday 28 March | Easter Monday |
|  | Thursday 31 March | Year 6 Rich Task Day- UCHSK |
|  | Friday 1 April | Senior Assembly 2.00pm hosted by |
| **Week 10** | Monday 4 April | AWM excursion- Year 6 |
|  | Friday 8 April | Whole School Assembly 9.00am |

Curriculum Information

**English**

**Reading**
- Novel Study - In Novel Studies this term we will be reading “Bridge to Terabithia” by Katherine Patterson. Students will encompass the four roles of the reader to discuss, interpret, infer and analyse the text.
- Co-operative Reading - Students will have the opportunity to participate in shared reading twice a week where they will unpack texts using the four reading roles.

**Writing**
The focus for our writing this term will be on refining our writing skills. Lessons will address text structure, and language features of writing to inform and writing to entertain. Students will be participating in both scaffolded and free writing tasks.

**Spelling and Grammar**
This term Year 6 will have weekly spelling words focusing on affixes, prefixes and suffixes, root words, derivations and spelling patterns. We will have a weekly focus on specific grammar conventions and their role in reading and writing.

**Mathematics**

**Number**
- Place value, working with large numbers
- Problem solving using all four operations
- Identify and describe prime, square, composite and triangular numbers
- Explore the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages

**Measurement**
- Understand and apply decimals to metric units of measurement

**Data**
- graphing data into column, pie, line and segmented bar graphs
Problem solving
• Reading and interpreting word problems
• using correct strategies to solve problems
• multi-step problems and team problem solving challenges

Science
"Change Detectives" - The students will have many opportunities to explore melting, evaporating, dissolving, burning and chemical reactions. By the end of the unit students will classify materials as solids, liquids, or gases based on their observable properties and the way they behave. The students will compare and classify different types of observable changes to materials and define reversible and irreversible change.

History and Geography
Weeks 1-2 “Learning to Lead”. Students will be investigating the different thinking models used in the classroom and also learning about the leadership role they themselves now hold as a year 6 student.
Weeks 4-8 “The People Make A Nation”. Students will be reviewing their understanding of key events in Australia’s history, focusing specifically on events that led up to, and contributed to, Federation. Students will then be learning about Australia’s journey leading up to Federation, focusing on the reasons for Federation, the influential people involved and the result of a Federated nation.
Weeks 9-10 “We Remember ANZAC”. Students will be learning about WW1, the Gallipoli campaign and the origin of the ANZAC legend. This will culminate with a visit to the Australian War Memorial.

The Arts
Visual Arts - studying the fundamentals of visual art: line, colour, shape, pattern, texture
Dance - Every Chance to Dance
Drama - Students are writing and performing their own short skits. These will be shared with the whole Year 6 group.
Music - Band, singing, composition

Technologies
This term we will review and revisit the roles and functions of Microsoft Office tools and how they can enhance and accompany our learning. A large part of our technology program this term will be creating our own stop-motion movies using Movie Maker and will feature plasticine models the students must design and build.

Health and Physical Education
We will be learning the skills and rules associated with cricket this term during our PE lessons. Year 6 students will continue to focus on personal development this term and continue to discuss self-esteem, positive body image and the changes associated with puberty.

Specialist Programs
Bluearth
Bluearth is part of our Physical Education program and is taught by our specialist teacher Mrs Julia Tapp. We have Bluearth on Thursday. Please ensure your child wears appropriate footwear for Physical Education lessons each day.

Library Resource Centre
Our library day is Thursday. Please bring a library bag to school to borrow books.

Japanese
Kitasaka Sensei will be teaching us Japanese on Thursday.

Additional Class Information
Hats
Our school is a SunSmart school and follows the Education and Training Directorate’s policy. Students will need to wear hats until the end of May.
Homework
Homework will continue this term, running from Monday-Monday
Fruit break
Students are encouraged to continue bringing a fruit snack to have at the beginning of each day.