

DREAM, BELIEVE, CREATE

Yr 3/4 Newsletter

Diary dates

Walk to school day

Friday May 18: Meet at Apex park at 8am if you're keen for a morning walk

Student Free Day

Friday June 8

Public Holiday

Monday June 11

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for term 2. This unseasonable weather was a blessing over the break, as I enjoyed some time travelling in the Adelaide Hills. Here is a snapshot of the teaching and learning planned for the term:

Literacy

Persuasive language in the English curriculum helps create confident communicators, imaginative thinkers and informed citizens. The ability to design a convincing argument is a skill that helps us all thrive in everyday life. We will be watching videos to inspire and help us develop an understanding of persuasive language so that we have the tools to write persuasive texts of our own.

Last week, children begun reading a novel of their choice. These texts will be used as a basis for some of our learning in spelling. We discovered that suffixes can be added to the end of a root word to make a word with a different meaning. One example is that the verb 'art' can become the noun 'artist' by adding 'ist'.

Maths

Selecting the appropriate operation to solve number problems will be our focus for the first couple of weeks. Solving purchasing problems and recognising and comparing angles will also feature throughout this term.

Science

Our inquiry is centred on physical forces. Children have experienced the forces necessary to swing a racquet, kick a ball and sail across the flying fox. We held some Tug-O-War competitions and discovered that when the forces balance in the middle, both teams are pulling at an even force. When someone slips or loses their grip, the other team can pull at a greater force and win the competition.

History

Students will be researching stories of the First Fleet. This will include the men, women and children who were transported to Australia and their experiences following arrival. Students will also develop understandings about the contact between European and Aboriginal people.

Other learning areas

Please refer to the term overview sent on May 6.



Much force was used in the Tug O War!

We look forward to a great term of learning.

Kind regards,

Karl