



TERM 2 GRADE 6 NEWSLETTER

We would like to welcome you back to another full and exciting term. As an eleven week term, term 2 is a wonderful opportunity for all students to set academic and personal goals for themselves and really work to achieve success. Recently it may well have hit home just how fast secondary school is approaching. This term we will continue to pave the way for our students to make a smooth transition to their secondary school. It is strongly recommended that students and parents take school tours of prospective secondary schools in order to make informed choices. Transition forms are due back by Friday, 12th May. Replacement forms can be obtained from TiqBiz.

INQUIRY

Our Inquiry Unit for this term is, To Market, To Market. Students begin the term by exploring successful business practices, what it means to be a consumer and clever advertising techniques. The students will once again visit Mt Eliza Secondary School's Market Day and be visited by the Start Smart presenters from the Commonwealth Bank. Our students will then plan, organise and run a business on our Market Day (Thursday, 15th June) to raise funds for a charity agreed upon by the year level. More information will follow closer to the date.

MATHS

For *Maths* this term we are focussing on Fractions and Decimals, Data Representation and Financial Maths. Prior to starting each unit we pre-test the student's knowledge, group according to ability and learning needs, teach using an explicit topic-based approach and then post-test at the end of the unit. These maths classes run for 3 X 1 hour lessons per week, topics vary in length depending on the content to be covered. We also run one investigation lesson and one mental maths lesson per week which are conducted in the student's own classroom. We will continue to use Mathletics and BlitzMasters in class time to consolidate what we have learnt.

ENGLISH

In *English* we are exploring poetry texts, completing spelling tasks through the 'Words Their Way' program and we will continue to work on comprehension when reading in small reading groups using Lemony Snicket's, A Series of Unfortunate Events. We will also continue using the CAFE reading program to assess, instruct and monitor student progress in reading.

IPADS

This term students will be using their **Ipads** in a number of ways. During our Economics unit students will be writing donation letters to potential sponsors and creating a 30 second TV advertisement to promote their Market Day stalls. Throughout English sessions they will be watching weekly Behind the News (BTN) stories that relate to our topics of Gallipoli and Economics. In maths, students will be using their Ipads to research and present their Fantasy Flight projects on a dream trip around the world.

HOMEWORK

Mt Eliza Primary School staff are continuing to review the current homework requirements. With the introduction of the homework matrix in term one, general feedback has been positive. As a result we have made slight adjustments to the tasks for term two but have kept the basic format. We have reduced the number of parent signatures required each week.



COMING UP

Mon, 1st May – Curriculum Day; Pupil free day

Tues, 2nd May – Mt Eliza Secondary School Market Day.

Tues, 2nd May – (incursion) Start Smart financial awareness.
Commonwealth Bank.

Wed, 10th to Fri, 12th May – Mother's Day Stall

Fri, 12th May – Secondary School application forms due in

Mon, 15th May – House Cross Country

Fri, 26th May - District Cross County

Mon, 12th June – Queen's Birthday public holiday

Thur, 15th June – Grade 6 Market Day

Fri, 16th June – Winter Lightning Premiership

Wed, 28th & Thurs, 29th June – Parent Teacher Interviews

Fri, 30th June – Last day of term; 2.30pm dismissal

Tissues Please

Can we ask everyone
to please donate a box
of tissues for use
throughout the year.

