

Curriculum

'How can we use Market Day to explore and investigate the world of economics and budgeting?'

Welcome!

Welcome back to Derinya for Term 3! Once again it should be a challenging and busy term beginning with the Art Show in Week 1. After a wonderful Art Show, Grade 6 will be involved in developing advertising and marketing strategies for their own Market Day. An excellent Family Life Program will be run in August, a program consisting of 3 1-hour sessions that we hope all students will attend. The parent evening explaining the program is a must for parents on Tuesday August 8th at 7pm. This is all followed up by the Senior School Production to finish up the term.

Also this term, we hope to share and utilise the Grade 6 learning space in a variety of ways to foster preparation for new experiences at Secondary School. We will maintain some individual grade activities as well as continuing to develop our program to enhance inquiry learning, collaborative learning and independence within an environment that requires respect, responsibility and resilience. Another development in Grade 6 is to work towards further personalising student learning by encouraging and empowering students to recognise the next step in their learning process, at all times guiding them to become independent, responsible and interested learners.

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Homework

Homework will be given out every Thursday and it is expected to be returned by the following Thursday. Reading of chapter-books should be done nightly and recorded in student diaries.

Social Skills

Resilience and independence will continue to be the focus for Grade 6 in preparation for high school. Consideration of others and how to help friends in need will also be discussed throughout the term. Teachers will reinforce the Derinya social skills by continuing to promote optimistic attitudes and resilience building. Discussions and reflection will be a major part of our regular social skills sessions.

Inquiry

Geography will be a focus this term. Students will learn to accurately describe distance, direction and location of places as well as identifying features from maps and satellite images. This is an exciting unit that explores the many features of Google Earth.



WHAT'S ON?

July 21 DACE Opening Night	August 8 & 10 Family Life Parent Info Night	August 18 Book Dress-Up Day	September 1 Curriculum Day (student-free)	September 23 Footy Day & Last day of Term 3
July 22-23 DACE Weekend	August 16 Family Life Session	August 24 Hooptime Basketball	September 21 Senior School Concert	
	August 14-18 Book Fair	August 31 Grade 6 Market Day		



English

In Literacy this term we will focus on strengthening the students' writing skills across all genres. Accuracy in editing, punctuation and grammar and a neat handwriting style will be a focus. Spelling and grammar are taught continuously through all English and Inquiry lessons and we will continue to concentrate on developing comprehension levels in preparation for the many text books ahead. Later this term we will introduce the basic skills required to analyse a novel to give students a taste of what lies ahead.

Maths

Number and Algebra will be studied each week to ensure consolidation in this area before heading to Secondary School. Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability will be a focus at different times throughout the term and students will work regularly in differentiated ability groups across the Grade 6 level according to their mathematical skills. This allows students to work in groups that cater for their individual learning needs, also offering various opportunities for those students who require either extension or support.

Later this term our Numeracy lessons will focus on the preparation of our Market Day. Economic skills covered will include writing a business plan, budgeting, expenditure, sales, marketing and profit and loss statements as part of our financial literacy. Our Market Day is to be held on Thursday August 31st.

Specialist Programs

- ★ **Physical Education.** In Term 3 Grade 6 students will complete their unit on Target games and begin a Striking and Fielding games unit. They will focus on the specific skills and strategies they can use and put these into practice in games against their peers. Students will also participate in our annual Footy Day at the end of Term 3.
- ★ **Science.** This term, our Grade 6 students will be studying a chemistry unit entitled 'Change Detectives'. They'll be learning about all of the chemical changes that occur, on a molecular level, when substance melt, freeze and burn.
- ★ **Japanese.** Grade 6 students will explore Japanese cuisine through immersion lessons and learn useful vocabulary for cooking, dining and shopping. They will also study a Japanese folktale and draw comparisons with a familiar tale from their own childhood.
- ★ **Performing Arts.** Term 3 is an exciting term, getting ready for the Senior School Production titled "Famous". Like the story of Fame the Musical, students audition to get into a prestigious Performing Arts School. What will happen to these students? Will they become FAMOUS? The Grade 6 performances include famous musicals like Oliver, Fame, Hairspray and Matilda.
- ★ **Visual Arts.** This term the Grade 6 students will incorporate the elements of colour, shape and texture in creating their artworks. The focus of this term's work will be on the making, dressing and decorating of a calico bear, creating a character of their choice.