

# Year 6/7 W43 Newsletter



Mawson Lakes School

## Term 2 Overview

## Week 2 - Term 2

Dear Families,

Welcome back! The start of term 2, a lot has been achieved, with many more achievements to come. I hope everyone has had a great two week break.

Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the first six weeks I will be in the classroom, and every Thursday and Friday Chelsea Sharp will be teaching in the class. We will be working closely together to ensure there is continuity of the learning programme for W43. After week 6, I will return to full time classroom teaching.

Below is an outline of the learning that will take place in term 2.

### Mathematics:

Initially students will explore fractions, consolidating their understanding of how to write, say and express fractions as decimals, percentages and division. Students will add and subtract fractions and place fractions on an open number line. Students will explore equivalent fractions and learn how to simplify fractions.

Chelsea will revisit division. This includes learning to divide whole numbers using remainders and using a decimal point. Students will also be exposed to dividing decimal numbers.

During this process, students will develop a range of mental computation strategies and solve every day problematised situations, plus reflect on their work and the work of others.

### English:

Our English program will cover essential skills in reading, writing, listening, speaking and viewing.

In writing, students will continue to learn about expositions, giving reasons for a point of view to try and convince others of it. Following this, students will learn about the text structure and organisation of information reports (classifies, describes and gives factual information about people, animals, things or phenomena) and explanations (explains how or why something happens). This will involve students planning, drafting and publishing their own text.

Students will continue to discover the types of sentences and understand how nouns, verbs and conjunctions work together to form sentences.

Guided reading will develop reading fluency and reading comprehension. This involves group work and viewing texts from a variety of genres. This term students will focus on questioning, making connections and inferring.

### Humanities & Social Sciences:

HASS comprises of four subject areas - History, Geography, Economics and Business and Civics and Citizenship. In term 2 Geography will be the focus, Year 6's will engage in a unit of work surrounding global diversity. This will involve students leading an inquiry comparing the economic, demographic and social conditions of two different countries. Year 7's will engage in a unit of work surrounding place and livability. This will involve students conducting an inquiry comparing the livability of two different countries based on factors such as resources, services and environmental quality.

### Science:

This term students will be learning about physical sciences with Whitney. Physical sciences includes topics like friction, gravity, magnets, electric fields, simple machines etc.

Students will also be exposed to biological sciences, learning about the animal kingdom, adaptation and classification.

**NIT:** Japanese, Arts, PE/Health

Japanese is provided by NIT teacher Lucas. The Arts curriculum includes dance, drama, media arts, music and visual arts. Majority of art is delivered by NIT teacher, Kathryn. PE and Health is taught by PE NIT teachers Michael and Des.

### Homework/Diaries/Class Website:

Homework will be given on a weekly basis. It will routinely cover aspects of the curriculum and specific areas of focus. Please sign student diaries weekly to ensure communication is maintained. We continue to have a Room W43 communication website. It is a way for Room W43 to share upcoming events, links, assignments, homework etc.

I look forward to what will be a successful and enjoyable term.

Yours kindly,  
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