

# Year 6/7 Newsletter

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Mawson Lakes School

## Term 3 2021 Overview W32

## Week 2

Dear Families,

The beginning of term 3 marks the halfway point of 2021. Where has the first 6 months gone. We hope everyone has had a great two week break ready for a successful second semester. Below is an outline of the learning that will take place in term 3.

### Mathematics:

In Term 3, students will explore measurement. This involves choosing appropriate units for measuring and convert between them, estimating common measurements using standard units, calculating the perimeter of different shapes, calculating the area of different shapes made up of rectangles and triangles and calculating the volume of prisms.

Following this, students will construct simple prisms and pyramids in shape, and draw different views of prisms and solids formed from combinations of prisms. In Geometric Reasoning students will investigate angles on a straight line, angles at a point and vertically opposite angles. Students will use results to find unknown angles and classify triangles according to their side and angle properties. Learners will demonstrate that the angle sum of a triangle is 180 and investigate angles involving parallel lines.

### English:

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

This term during weeks 1 through to week 5, students will learn about historical recounts with a focus on Vietnam War, in particular the Battle of Long Tan. From their learning, research, discussions with veterans and engagement in the Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony, students will construct a historical recount in the format of their choosing to represent the events that took place. Students will analyse the structure and language features of historical recounts. On 18<sup>th</sup> August, a small group of students will attend Vietnam Veterans Day to represent Mawson Lakes School and the learning that has taken place.

After historical recounts, students will investigate the importance of reviewing and responding to online information through critiquing and identifying fake online content. In this media literacies unit, students will understand what accurate information and misinformation is, how to understand bias, agenda and credibility, plus identify the difference between fake news and deep fakes.

Guided reading takes place most days and exposes students to a range of text types. Students will continue to enjoy whole class reading of a text, along with small group reading session where students work on individual learning goals.

### Humanities & Social Sciences:

HASS comprises of four subject areas - History, Geography, Economics and Business and Civics and Citizenship.

In term 3 Civics and Citizenship will be the focus, with students concentrating on citizenship, diversity and religion, plus what is a democracy and democracies around the world. Students will develop their knowledge of what is the constitution, the division of powers and the election processes. Year 6/7s will become familiar with the bicameral system.

### Science:

This term, 6/7 students from W32 will continue to focus on Biological Sciences. So far students have discovered what is biology, undertaken a refresher on what is an adaptation and types of, living and non-living things and the differences between a food chain and food webs. This term, students will investigate classification, what is a dichotomous key and visit the Adelaide Zoo to complete the unit.

Early to mid-term, Year 7 will undertake Science with myself, while the year 6's will learn Science with Felicia in W31. In W32, Year 7's will discover what are physics, the difference between balanced and unbalanced forces, what effects forces and explain Newtons first three laws. Following this, students will use the STEM engineering process to design and build an aeroplane.

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### **Health + Child Protection Curriculum:**

Term 3's health program will include the topic of relationships and sexual health. Participation in the lessons aims to improve your child's ability to develop respectful relationships, be confident and happy within themselves, and make well-informed and safe decision regarding their body and their relationships. In addition, students will learn how to build resilience, understand emotions and what is gender diversity. Other topics include puberty, female and male reproductive systems and places to go for help and support. A letter that outlines lesson content in further detail will follow.

### **Digital Technologies:**

Lead by our 4<sup>th</sup> year pre-service teacher, students will learn about the binary system used in digital technologies, compared to the decimal system. They will understand the basics behind coding and develop a logical flow chart with simple algorithms.

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

Japanese is provided by NIT teacher Lauren Macklin. The arts curriculum includes dance, drama, media arts, music and visual arts. Majority of art is delivered by NIT teachers, Abby Thompson. PE and Health is taught by PE NIT providers Michael and Des.

### **Homework / Communication:**

Homework will be given on a weekly basis. It will routinely cover aspects of the curriculum and specific areas of focus. This will be communicated via our class website [www.mawsonlakesschoolw32.weebly.com](http://www.mawsonlakesschoolw32.weebly.com)

As some of you may already know, I will be taking maternity leave starting mid Term 4. More information to follow closer to term 4. During this term if you need, please contact myself to discuss your child's needs at any time.

We look forward to what will be another enjoyable, yet busy term. A lot to look forward to!

See you soon.

Yours kindly,

### **Events in Term 3**

Week 3 Wednesday (4<sup>th</sup> August) – Yr 6 visit PGHS 9am to 12pm

Week 3 Friday (6<sup>th</sup> August) – W32 host gathering

Week 4 Friday (13<sup>th</sup> August) – Adelaide Zoo excursion

Week 5 Wednesday (18<sup>th</sup> August) – Vietnam Veterans Day

Week 5 Friday (20<sup>th</sup> August) – Yr 7 visit PGHS 9am to 12pm

Week 6 Friday (27<sup>th</sup> August) – Gathering

Week 7 Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> September) - Year 6/7 West Lakes Aquatics

Week 9 Thursday – W42/W41 Market Day

Week 9 Friday (17<sup>th</sup> September) – Gathering

Week 10 Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup> September) – Japanese cultural day

Week 10 Friday (24<sup>th</sup> September) - End of term early dismissal