

Year 6/7 Newsletter

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Mawson Lakes School

Term 4 Overview W32

Week 2 - Term 4

Dear Families,

I hope everyone had a restful holiday and is ready to take on the 9 busy weeks ahead. There is a lot in store. As per the communication that went out at the end of term 3, a reminder that from the third week of school, I will be taking parenting leave for the remainder of the term, as we are expecting a new arrival to our household. Samuel Coats will be taking over the class for the last 7 weeks of the term from Monday to Thursday, while Myra Geres (an established relief-teacher) will take the class on Fridays (Samuel is teaching in another class that day). Samuel and I have planned together to ensure there is strong continuity of the learning program for the last part of the term.

Below is an outline of the learning that will take place in term 4.

Mathematics:

At the beginning of the term, students will analyse their own data from a variety of math areas to generate their own learning plan with personalized focused areas to move their own learning forward.

Following this, students will explore fraction concepts, including fractions, decimals and percentages and how their equivalences. This involves year 6/7 students developing fraction concepts through hands on activities and reflections. Students will revisit foundational concepts, describe and illustrate examples of what is a fraction and compare fractions in a variety of ways. This term's fractions unit will understand that fractions can be represented as areas, quantities or on a number line. Students will experience adding and subtracting fractions, and for those who require a stretch in their learning will explore multiplying fractions.

English:

This term in English, students will learn informative writing and how this text type classifies, describes and gives factual information about people, animals, things or phenomena. Student will experience writing an informative text that engages an audience. Informative

writing is hugely varied, everything from reports to emails, factual recounts to descriptions, documentaries to explanations. Students will use this text type across multiple subjects, including science where students will create a piece about sustainability.

Informative writing includes the Seven Steps Writing components which are Plan for Success, Sizzling Starts, Tightening Tension, Dynamic Dialogue, Show Don't Tell, Ban the Boring and Endings with Impact.

In Guided Reading, students will continue to explore a variety of reading strategies and practice employing these strategies when participating in morning routine activities.

Humanities & Social Sciences:

The HASS focus for term 4 is a continuation of Civics and Citizenship. Students will work towards developing an understanding of the three levels of government, Australian politics, decision making and the key features of government under the Australian Constitution.

Science:

This term students will focus on Chemical Sciences, such as analysing how the sustainable use of resources depends on the way they are formed and cycle through Earth's systems and changes to materials can be reversible and irreversible.

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 teacher, Abby Thompson. PE and Health is taught by PE NIT teachers Michael and Des.

Homework / Communication:

Homework will continue to be given on a weekly basis. It will routinely cover aspects of the curriculum and specific areas of focus. Refer to our class website www.mawsonlakesschoolw32.weebly.com for information.

Please make contact by dropping by or emailing to discuss your child's needs at any time. We look forward to what will be another successful and enjoyable term.

Yours kindly,

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Year 7 Graduation - Wednesday 8th Dec (Week 9)

Students will attend a Year 6/7 group lunch at the Mawson Lakes Hotel on Tuesday 7th December at 11.30am through to 1.00pm. Then to celebrate the conclusion of primary school and their time at Mawson Lakes School, students will participate in a graduation ceremony held at the Denison Centre on Wednesday 8th Dec. The graduation ceremony commences at 6.00pm to 7.00pm, however we ask that students arrive around 5.30pm. Between 7.30pm to 9.00pm a year 6/7 school disco will take place in the Mobarra Room of the Denison Centre. The ceremony and Year 6/7 disco is a formal event, neat dress code is ideal.

To assist with the graduation ceremony, can your child please supply a 'then' (age 1-4 years) photo and a 'now' (this year) photo. It is important that the photos don't have anyone else in them. Could this please be provided before Friday Week 3 (29th October) preferably via USB or email.

An additional email will follow specific to graduation with further information.