

SPECIALIST NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 2021, Levels 5 & 6

Languages - Italian: *Marie Petersen & Nadia Di Vincenzo*



Benvenuti a tutti! This will be an exciting term for Grade 5/6 Italian students as they focus on the world of Ancient Rome. This term, students will undertake a detailed study of Pompeii and the eruption of Mt Vesuvius in 79AD. Students will be required to complete a range of oral language activities including interviews and role plays which recreate some of the events leading up to the disaster. Students will continue to develop their writing skills by creating scripts (multimedia and written) for role plays and/or a newspaper report about the eruption of Mt Vesuvius. This study of Pompeii requires students to gain a knowledge and understanding of everyday life in this ancient Roman seaside town and a reading of the translated writings of Plinio, Il Giovane (Pliny the Younger). Students will present their role plays live and in digital form to the class as an audience.

Emperor Titus (AD 40 -81)



The Roman Emperor Titus visited the stricken area in the region of Pompeii and announced a state of emergency, set up a relief fund into which was put any property of victims who died with no heirs. He also offered practical assistance in rehousing survivors and organized a senatorial commission to provide whatever help it could.



Languages - Greek: *Stephanie Menikou*



Καλώς ορίσατε ολοι! This term in Greek, the 5/6 students will be learning about Ancient Greece. We will be learning about daily life, clothing, leisure and beliefs. The students will also be learning about Mount Olympus and the twelve gods.

Students will be required to complete a range of oral language activities including interviews and role plays. Students will continue to further develop their writing skills by completing a newspaper report and a role play.

Physical Education: *Chris Harvey*

This semester, students will be practising a variety of basic motor skills and a range of more complex skills in partner and small group activities. These will include throwing, catching, dribbling, running, dodging and two hand striking. Students will be introduced to some basic softball and basketball. Students will continue to practise and develop their batting, fielding, throwing, catching, dribbling, shooting, passing and rebounding. There will be an emphasis on game rules and basic strategy to enhance team performance.



Each lesson will include a range of engaging fitness challenges designed to develop mobility and fitness. Participation, staying safe and having fun is always encouraged. Students will also begin to identify links between physical activity and health. Hats and appropriate footwear are required during Physical Education lessons.

House Sports:

Students in grade 5 are going to have the opportunity to participate in the house sports competition. They will rotate through a variety of team games such as skittles, street hockey, soccer, netball, basketball and ultimate frisbee. We aim to provide the students with the opportunity to compete in well organised and enjoyable sports that are an extension of the Physical Education programs. Students will put into practise the school values in a sport setting.

Summer Interschool Sports:

Students in grade 6 are going to have the opportunity to participate in the Coburg District Interschool Competition. They can select from one of the following sports: bat tennis, basketball or softball. It is our belief that students benefit greatly from visiting and competing with other schools. We aim to provide the students with the opportunity to participate in well

organised and enjoyable sporting events that are an extension of the school based Physical Education programs. It is important to foster the development of 'friendly, cooperative attitudes, a sense of fair play and appropriate skills'.

Dates for Interschool Sports:

Friday 5th March Pascoe Vale vs Coburg West P.S (away game payment through compass)

Friday 12th March Coburg West P.S vs Coburg North P.S (home game, no payment)

Friday 19th March Coburg West P.S vs St Olivers P.S (home game, not payment)

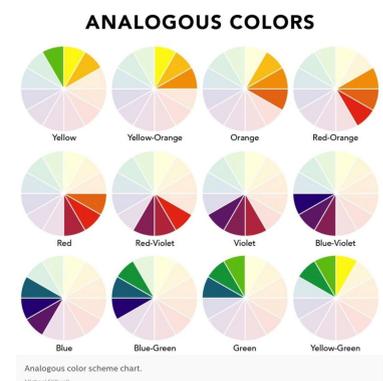
Friday 26th March Pascoe Vale North vs Coburg West P.S (away game, payment through compass)

Performing Arts: Merinda Meta

In term 1, 5/6 students will be exploring Jazz Music and the 12 Bar Blues by learning how to play this common chord progression along to songs of this style. Students will also be able to choose to either sing the songs or improvise instrumentally over the 12 Bar Blues using notes of the major Blues scale. Students will then have the opportunity to engage in a free choice music composition task, which will involve choosing a special 'inspiration' or genre of music to base their composition on. With teacher guidance and goal setting, students will plan and complete their composition over a few weeks. This will be completed in a new program called Soundtrap, which is a digital audio workstation that students will use on iPads to create their music.

Visual Arts: Joan McGregor & Georgia Kyrkilis

During term 1, students will be creating their self portrait using a mixed media approach. They will use collage techniques and explore analogous colours when creating the background for their artwork. Students will experiment with printing techniques and focus on the elements of line, shape and proportion when completing their self portrait. They use and manipulate the elements and the principles of balance and perspective as they explore and generate ideas. Students begin to interpret the artists' intentions and reflect on how effectively ideas are expressed and communicated in their own artworks.



Digital Technologies: *Trist Jones*

This year the Grade 5/6 students will be taking the Digital Technologies in Semester Two. The children will still participate in activities and discussions around this topic with their classroom teachers during the first semester of 2021.