

# ENRICHMENT TERM 2 NEWS – May 2023

## CLASSROOM

It is wonderful to see all our Enrichment students return after a fun and restful holiday for Term 2. We have a quick but busy term ahead of us. Term 2 is 9 weeks long and will end on Friday 23 June, 2023 at 2:30pm. This is a reporting term, with Semester 1 reports coming home on Compass on Thursday 22 June, 2023. Our Grade 6s have received their long awaited Grade 6 jumpers, which look fabulous and make them look so grown up. Our Grade 6 students are currently preparing their baby and ambition photos in readiness for Graduation. Any students who are yet to complete this task are encouraged to by the end of Week 2. Detailed instructions are available on Google Classroom. We will be continuing to work with our buddy grades this term, which is an excellent opportunity for all students to enjoy a mentoring role.

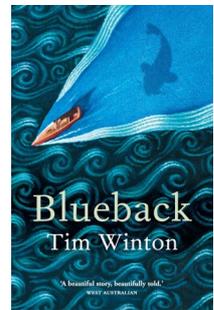
## WRITING

We will be learning about a range of genres in Writing this term. These include Information Reports, further practise on Persuasive writing and Responding to Texts. Within these genres students will be practising and revising their understanding of the 6+1 Writing Traits. Students have selected a Trait they feel they need to focus on as a writing goal. We will be regularly checking in on these goals and measuring our progress through peer editing sessions, teacher feedback and group conferences. We are continuing to practise idea generation through our weekly Writer's Notebook sessions and by generating 'seeds' as part of our weekly homework.



## READING

Our class novel this term is a new text to DCE entitled 'Blueback.' There are links in the text to our Inquiry unit on Sustainability and we are looking forward to diving into a fresh story.



We will continue to work through our CAFÉ menu this term (Comprehension, Analysing, Features of Texts and Exploring Vocabulary). Reading sessions make use of a range of fiction and non-fiction texts in digital and hard copy format. Students participate in individual and group reading conferences. We engage in daily 'sustained reading' which can be individual reading, group work or partner reading. We enjoy our Tuesday visits to the library. Students are reminded to bring in all CAFÉ home loans on time and ensure they don't get lost at home.

## INQUIRY

Our Term 2 Inquiry Unit is called "Global Citizens: What's Your Impact?" It focuses on different areas of sustainability, including climate change, effects on plants and animals, the food chain and pollution. We will be focusing on ways that we can make a positive impact on our environment at an individual and community level. Each class has nominated two Waste Warriors who are responsible for overseeing the collection of our food scraps and responsible rubbish practises within the classroom.

## MATHS

Enrichment students will be continuing to take part in engaging 'CATCH Maths' lessons this term. We will be covering Representing and Interpreting Data, Fractions, Decimals and Percentages, Chance, Area and Perimeter, Shape and Length. These topics will allow many opportunities for revision, extension, support and fun hands on activities.

We continue to focus on developing positive dispositions as Maths learners and seeing everyone as a capable maths learner. We encourage families to have regular conversations about what is happening in maths classes and celebrating all the small wins along the way.

## TERM 2 EVENTS

We have some exciting events happening at school this term. The whole school Cross Country was held today - Tuesday 2 May, 2023. Our House Captains had an integral role in helping the day run smoothly and encouraged their fellow House members to participate and enjoy the day. We will be buying special gifts for our mothers and other fabulous women in our lives on Thursday 11 May, 2023. Anyone interested in volunteering to help on the day is encouraged to contact the General Office. Make sure you are looking your absolute best on Thursday 1 June, 2023 because we will be taking our school photos. Information on how to order photos will be coming on Compass. Feeling Fabulous Day will be held on Wednesday 7 June, 2023. We will be taking part in several exciting activities at the Community Bank Stadium and our classrooms. Our whole-school Sustainability Day will be held on Thursday 22 June, 2023 and will be an exciting opportunity to celebrate everything we will learn about Sustainability in Inquiry.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This term in Physical Education, students will be participating in a variety of sports including lacrosse, netball, rugby and athletics to develop their physical skills and overall fitness. They will have opportunities to develop teamwork skills and work on their own individual athletic development.

### MUSIC

Enrichment are learning more about how to play the ukulele in music this semester. They are focusing on how to play chords, scales and songs. They are going to begin writing their own composition on ukuleles with a partner for their showcase piece this term.

### ART

In Enrichment art we are kicking off the term with our Grade 6 legacy piece. This is something that the grade fives will also participate in, despite their artwork going home with them at the conclusion of the unit. We will be exploring the work of artist Gary Hirsch and learning about his "Botjoy" movement. We will also be learning about the history and methodology of weaving, creating our own paper looms and woven patterns. Finally we are going to explore paper mache sculpture and construct our own whimsical dogs or cats. It's going to be a really fun term in Art.

### Auslan

In Auslan students will be learning about deaf identities and culture and comparing these to their own. They will also be learning about Sign Names and deaf history.

### INTERSCHOOL SPORT

This term we are taking part in our new Winter sports. We will start the term with a few training sessions to help us adjust to our new teams and learn the rules of the game. These sports are AFL with Mr Mitchell and Mr Reid, Netball with Miss Gannon, Softball with Miss Bell and Miss D and Soccer with Mr Hooke.

Our students will be finding out which team they are a part of in the first two weeks of term and are very excited. We will be playing our first game on Friday 19 May, 2023 against Laurimar at home. A reminder that away games require \$10.00 cash to be brought in during the week to cover the cost of buses. Home games come at no charge. The Winter Fixture is also available on Compass.

### SMASH HITS

Smash Hits members have been rehearsing on Wednesday afternoons, learning the songs, "Bad Habits" and "Never Gonna Not Dance Again." They will continue to practise these songs and we look forward to seeing them perform later in the year.