

# Mr Finneran

## Weekly Events

### Monday

- Debating

### Tuesday

- Scripture
- All dance troupes

### Wednesday

- Science

### Thursday

- PSSA Training
  - Library
  - PE
  - Homework
- (alternate weeks)

### Friday

- PSSA/school sport
  - Band
  - Assembly & Buddies
- (alternate weeks)
- Enrichment Group

## Canteen

The canteen is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday for lunch orders and recess. Time is allocated every day in class for Crunch & Sip, allowing students to have a fruit/vegetable snack. These should be 'non-drip' snacks.

## Lugarno P.S.



### Welcome to 2024 at Lugarno P.S. and to 5/6F.

Thank you, for your support in assisting your child to get all their school supplies and books covered. If possible this should be done by the end of week 4.

This year we will be stressing the importance of being well organised both in class and in relation to homework tasks.

A positive and focused approach to one's studies is consistently being reinforced.

This year, years 3 to 6 are using the new DET English and Maths syllabus for the first time. The aim of these two syllabi is to build strong foundations in literacy and numeracy and to give teachers more time to concentrate on deep learning by reducing the hours teachers spend on non-essential learning and compliance requirements. The English syllabus is broken up into the following areas:

- Reading Fluency and Comprehension
- Phonic Knowledge, Spelling and Vocabulary
- Creating Written Texts
- Oral Language and Communication
- Responding to Literature
- Handwriting and Digital Technologies

Mathematics in K–6 focuses on developing students' mathematical understanding, fluency, communication, reasoning and problem-solving through their study of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Space and Statistics and Probability.

These capabilities enable students to respond to familiar and unfamiliar situations, using strategies to make decisions and solve problems relevant to their further education and everyday lives.

In Science & Technology this semester, the students will be looking at how food and fibre are produced sustainably in managed environments for health and nutrition. Digital devices and technology, will continue to be used in class to help facilitate student learning.

Other KLA's include PDHPE where the class will be covering the school values, resilience lessons and the Dragon's *Best You Can Be* program.

In addition to this, in Term 1, Mrs Duffy will teach the digital citizenship component of the curriculum in part of the student's library session this term. On Thursdays, a skills and a game session will take place.

During Term 1, for visual arts we will be experimenting with different drawing and painting and construction techniques. If you are concerned about students getting paint on their uniforms, it is recommended that students bring and wear a paint shirt from home.

In Term 2 we will be doing athletics skills and Term 4 team skills. Please ensure that they are suitably attired for PE sessions.

**An overview of all topics covered in all KLA's this year, has been included in this year's newsletter.**

## Homework

Homework will be completed on a fortnightly basis, due on the Thursday every alternate week. All homework can be found online in our Google Classroom. It is preferable that this Homework is submitted online, however, if this cannot happen, students can submit homework on a paper copy in a display folder.

Please let me know if this is the case. The content of the work given covers numerous KLA's. Teachers will explain this fully to all students with answer templates provided for those in need of assistance.

As well, students should be reading for enjoyment for at least an hour a week.

Homework is an important part of your child's education. Whilst it is not compulsory, it is a good opportunity for you to become involved and spend some time to understand any difficulties your child may be encountering. Our main aim is for them to become independent learners who are able to find what they need when they need it.

## Important Dates

### Week 3:

- Dance troupe auditions
- Training and Concert Band commence

### Week 4:

- Dance troupe auditions
- P&C meeting

### Week 5:

- Scripture/ethics commences
- Dance classes commence
- GRIP Leadership conference for student executive
- PSSA commences
- 1<sup>st</sup> K-6 school assembly

### Week 6:

- District swimming

### Week 7:

- Sydney East swimming
- NAPLAN commences

### Week 8:

- NAPLAN continued

### Week 9:

- NAPLAN continues
- Parent 3-6 curriculum workshop

### Weeks 10 & 11:

- Parent Teacher interviews



## Camp & Stage 3 Excursion

Excursion in Term 2 TBA.

Camp will be held at Bathurst Goldfields in Term 3, Week 4. August 14-16.

Information will be sent home closer to the date.

## Class Routines/ Money Collection

On the previous page, I have indicated the various extra curricular activities that may involve your child. As well, I have also listed the special days where the class will have specialist teachers. I hope that this will be of guidance to you and your child as you prepare for each day.

All money and notes that have been paid are to be placed in the money letterbox in the office prior to the start of the day's lessons if possible. Please ensure that all money and notes are inside an envelope, with your child's name and class and what the payment is for written on the outside.

## Absences

Attendance at school is compulsory according to Law. If your child is absent, late to school or leaving early for any reason, a note is required for legal accountability.

All students must be accompanied by a parent to the school office if they are late to class. For holidays during school time, you need to inform the Principal prior to any requested leave. These will be recorded as absences on the class roll.

## Classroom Management

I would like to thank again all parents and children for the smooth start to the year. I have thoroughly enjoyed the first few weeks and I know that we will have a constructive and fun year.

Whilst I am usually happy to talk to you about your child at anytime, please be aware that there will be times where that may not be possible or advisable (during teaching time)

If that is the case, I will try and arrange a time that is suitable for all concerned.

Here's to a great year!

Mr Peter Finneran