



Comet Bay
PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPECIALIST UPDATE TERM 1 2017

Junior Art

The Comet Bay Primary School Junior Art Room is a remarkable place where students are given a chance to hone a variety of skills in order to produce amazing works of art.

My hope this year is that my students will have the absolute best art class experiences and gain confidence and expertise in as many areas as possible. Throughout the year we will be learning drawing and painting techniques, colour theory and a wide spectrum of other art skills.

Please feel free to contact me after school with concerns or questions about your child's art education or just to admire the work of our artists in the making.

Nicola Dickinson
Junior Art Specialist

Senior Art

Welcome back to Senior Art in 2017! It has been lovely to meet the Year 4 students who are in the Senior Art room for the first time and also some new faces to the school.

We have an exciting project for the start of the year with a paper cutting artwork. Mrs Dickinson and Mrs Thornton will be attending a paper cutting workshop with the world renowned artist Tusif Ahmad during Week 5. Tusif works with the theme of Peace, Love, Humanity and Humility and this is the theme that Years 4, 5 and 6 will be working with. We will be submitting some works for a selection process towards an exhibition to be held at the Gary Holland centre in Rockingham during June. We will also exhibit some works in the school library and classroom.

I am really looking forward to seeing what creative ideas children bring to this project.

Denise Thornton
Senior Art Specialist

Indonesian/Culture

Welcome back to a new school year! It's been great to see everyone back and ready for a fantastic year. There are many new things to be learned in Indonesian/Culture this year. The aim is to promote the learning of Indonesian language and enhance cultural understandings. I look forward to a fun and exciting year with all of you! Terima kasih!
Ibu Yeap

Junior Phys. Ed.

Welcome back good sports, with an especially warm welcome to our Pre-Primary cohort filling our junior ranks. In our first term for the year, Pre-Primary and Year 1 students will begin with building their body management skills of balancing on one foot, shifting their focus to the locomotor skill of hopping in the final weeks. Year 2 and 3 students will work on their overarm throws through a measured process of self-assessment tasks and minor games.

Parents should encourage children to drink plenty of water (sky juice), apply sunscreen, wear sports shoes and bring a hat for every physical education session.

Best hop to it!

Mr G



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Senior Phys. Ed.

Welcome back for another year! We have a busy start to the year with our Twilight Swimming Carnival in Week 7. We look forward to seeing our students in Years 4 to 6 nominate to represent their House at the most enjoyable and family friendly event for the year.

The Summer Carnival is also on in Week 7 and our Year 6 students have already nominated their preferred sport - Cricket, League Tag, Machine Pitch Baseball or Volleyball.

The term rounds off with the Interschool Swimming Carnival in Week 10.

In our Phys Ed sessions we will be focusing on the Comet Bay Agreements and the importance of teamwork in the first few weeks before moving on to the sport for the term.

Mr Lewington

Junior and Senior Science

Julie Pages-Oliver and Brenda Broad would like to welcome students to science classes 2017.

Julie Pages-Oliver is excited to be teaching junior science curriculum to TA5, TA6 and LA3 on Wednesdays this year. This term all students will be reflecting on, consolidating and extending their understanding of the concepts associated with Biological Science and further developing their Science inquiry skills. In addition Science as a Human Endeavour will be integrated throughout the term. This involves application of their knowledge and skills into real world situations and building the students' appreciation for the role science and scientists play in their everyday lives and the future sustainability of our environment.

The Year 1 students will share their knowledge with the new Pre-Primary students by investigating together to make observations about the needs of living things and to learn about different habitats.

The Year 2 and 3 students will be learning to use a branching key to group living things and begin to understand why biologists use classifying systems. They will also be studying simple animal and plant life cycles to learn how living things grow, change and have offspring.

The Year 4 and 5 students will be investigating how living things need to develop the ability to adapt to their ever changing environment to ensure their survival.

The Year 6 students will be investigating food chains and food webs within different ecosystems and the interactions that occur between and within the physical and biological environments.

The sustainability of our environment and embracing effective ways that we can all do our bit to conserve Earth's resources through recycling, reusing and reducing, is embedded in the Comet Bay Primary School Science Program and across the school. We are very happy to promote the 'Fuel our School' initiative.



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Music

Welcome back for 2017. In the Music Room, our PP/1 classes will be focussing on developing their beat and rhythm skills. LA5 and LA6 will be concentrating on learning to play songs on the ukulele as well as the full range of classroom instruments. Our Year 6 classes will be using a Musical Futures approach to develop skills in a range of contemporary band instruments in order to work towards performing in their own bands by the end of the year.

Year 4 - 6 students are invited to join our Comet Bay Primary School Choir. Choir is all about singing in a group and we use a range of student chosen songs as well as songs that are required to be learnt for the variety of performance opportunities that we take part in each year. There are no auditions as all interested students are welcome to join. Rehearsals will once again be on TUESDAY MORNINGS at 8am starting in Week 3.

Lunchtime Workshops will be held in the Music Room for interested students in Years 2 -5 for the following projects:

Year 4/5s: Technology in Music workshops on Mondays (using the iPads and computers to make music)

Year 2/3s: Ukulele workshops on Tuesdays (students will be given a book with a CD which we will work through so they can practice at home)

Yours in Music

Kate Cullinane



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