



An Independent Public School

## TERM 2 SPECIALIST CLASS UPDATE

### Music

Music is up and running for the start of Term 2 with our Choir performing twice in the very first week! Congratulations and a special thank you to all of our Choir members who made the super effort to come to the ANZAC Day dawn service at Port Kennedy. You were all amazing.

In class:

- Pre Primary/Year 1 students will be learning more about reading pitch and playing melodies on a variety of instruments,
- LA5 and LA6 will be preparing for their Junior Music Festival performance later on this term, and
- Year 6s will be learning how to play bass lines and guitar or ukulele chord progressions before developing a whole class performance piece for the end of the term.

Don't forget - the Music Room is open every Monday and Friday morning from 8am for students to come and play on any of the instruments that are out.

**Kate Cullinane**

### Science

Physical Science for all students.

This term the Pre Primary/Year 1 students are going to conduct activities to help them understand that the way an object moves is dependent on a variety of factors, including the size and shape of the object. This will include observing and describing the movements of some living and non-living things.

The Year 2/3 students are going to build onto their understandings about how heat is produced and conduct investigations to observe how heat can move from one object to another. This will include learning about different sources of heat production, e.g. friction, chemical or electrical.

This term the Year 4/5 students will be conducting investigations and learning about light to develop their understanding of how light travels and how we can see objects.

The Year 6 students will be investigating and learning about electricity to develop their understanding of how electrical circuits work and how to use electricity safely and wisely.

The students' development of science skills and their understanding of the importance of scientific endeavour and the need to maintain a sustainable environment will be integrated throughout all lessons.

Let's begin this fun term Comet Bay scientists!

**Brenda Broad and Julie Pages-Oliver**

## Senior Art

We have hit the ground running in the Senior Art room as the students continue to develop their paper cutting artwork. It is a very tricky concept to grasp and the children have been tackling the work with gusto! They have also been very careful with the way they have been handling the sharp blades. I am very proud of them.

We have decided to go with the students' interests for the subject matter and some very exciting designs are emerging. Students are encouraged to keep an eye out for interesting images at home to incorporate into their designs. It is also great to see so many students using their knowledge of the elements of design in their work.

Mrs Herd's TA10 class is also busy working with our artist in residence from Fremantle, Mrs Laura Mitchell, to create a sculpture made from recycled materials. This will hopefully be part of the City of Rockingham's Castaways exhibition. Exciting! We are especially looking out for some pool cover plastic that looks like blue bubble wrap. Please drop it into the Senior Art room if you have any to spare.

**Denise Thornton**

## Junior Art

I am delighted to see our students happily settled back at school this term and I applaud them for the general enthusiasm and positive buzz they are generating throughout the school.

The Junior Art room continues to be a place where students learn how to share their thoughts and ideas with others, to learn from each other as well as from the works of other artists.

During this term we will be learning new techniques and experimenting with different mediums.

### **Art Club this Term:**

- Learning to Draw
- Paper Folding
- Clay Building

**Nicola Dickinson**

## Indonesian

Welcome to another new term of 2017! I hope everyone has had enjoyable holidays. Term 2 is going to be an exciting and busy term as Comet Bay will be hosting 3 Teachers from Indonesia. Students will be meeting our Indonesian visitors and will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in various authentic cultural activities.

Our Indonesian Breakfast last term was a great success with some selected Year 5 students starting their day with Nasi Goreng Istimewa (Special Fried Rice). There will be another Indonesian Breakfast in Week 9, so look out for the date.

Let's have another awesome term Comet Bay!

**Tiffany Yeap**

## **Senior Phys. Ed.**

Once again there is a lot happening this term.

During Phys. Ed. sessions we will be focusing on soccer. The early part of the term will focus on developing the skills before working on the concepts of game play.

### **Runners Club**

Runners Club is back on and will start on Thursday 4th May. Runners Club aims to prepare the students for the House Cross Country and includes a variety of strength and fitness activities in a fun, supportive yet challenging way. Information has been provided to interested students however notes can still be collected from the Phys. Ed. office if your child hasn't received one and would like to participate.

### **House Cross Country**

The House Cross Country competition for Year 3-6 students is scheduled for Wednesday 28th June (Week 10). More details will be provided closer to the event however we encourage all of our students to start preparing now by gradually increasing their activity level by either walking, jogging or cycling. By gradually increasing the pace and length of these walks/runs/rides your child will be able to easily handle the cross country course in 8 weeks' time.

Our Year 6 students will be involved in interschool sports competitions throughout the term. We will play each of the local schools in Football, Netball, Soccer and Hockey on a Wednesday afternoon in a round robin competition before participating in the whole day Winter Carnival in Week 9.

The dates to know are:

Week 4 - 17th May v Singleton

Week 5 - 24th May v Secret Harbour

Week 6 - 31st May v Endeavour

Week 8 - 14th June v Golden Bay

Week 9 - 21st June - WINTER CARNIVAL

### **Middle Sport**

The Year 4/5 classes will also participate in their first Middle Sport sessions for the year on a Friday afternoon. This is an opportunity for us to expose our students to the sports that they will be able to represent the school in as Year 6's. Each of the classes will have a 4 week block covering each of the 4 sports once - Football, Netball, Soccer and Hockey.

### **Craig Lewington**

## **Junior P.E**

Welcome back good sports, rested and ready to play.

In our second term for the year, Pre Primary and Year 1 students, will develop an accurate underarm throwing technique. Year 2/3 students will work on their kick off the ground, participate in the Cross Country Carnival and have opportunities to work with guest AFL and basketball coaches.

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.

**Mr G.**