Welcome to our final term of 2013; the last term of primary school. With a full agenda and learning program, it is set to be a busy term.

**Theme:**

Taking inspiration from the Australian Curriculum History strand, the Year 7 class will be exploring Ancient Rome. This theme will be intertwined with the English, S&E and Mathematics programs.

**English:**

The spelling program will continue and include the opportunity for students to extend their knowledge of the origins of many words through Latin verbs, suffixes and prefixes. Punctuation, grammar and presentation of writing will continue to be a focus.

Text types will include Explanation, Discussion, and Response, all of which lend themselves to the development of essay writing skills. Due to time constraints, these will focus on short stories, articles, manuals or videos, as opposed to a novel.

Library skills will continue on a Wednesday with exploration of the Dewey Decimal System, book reviews, authors of fiction and the function of an index and glossary. Look out for the library newsletter each month which is being collated by the Year 7 class.

**Mathematics:**

The key focus of the term will be Algebra, ensuring students have a solid understanding of the basic concepts, simplification of terms and linear equations. The use of algebra will be extended into Geometry/Space through the use of formulae.

A focus on Space continues and will address directional language, using keys, mapping, 3D shapes, transformation and rotational symmetry.
Later in the term, unit conversion will be reviewed and extended. Problem solving techniques will be formalised and refined.

Students will also have the opportunity to explore the Roman number system, including the use and manipulation of the Roman calendar.

**$\&E$:**

The Ancient Roman culture had a significant impact on many aspects of our modern life including language, religion, government and building techniques. Exploring this era through visual and hands-on activities will allow students to appreciate and understand the impact of Romans on our daily life.

**Science**

During this term, students will learn about the interrelationship of the sun, Earth, the moon, and other planets. They explore seasons on Earth and on another planet, and the phases of the moon. Other topics will include the rotation of Earth, the sun and the moon, and the times for the orbits of Earth and the moon, solar and lunar eclipses, gravity and research on moon myths and culture.

**Music:**

Students will continue exploring music through history and incorporate musical notation into their lessons.

**Health:**

Students will again be working with the 8-10s during Health. Topics will include drug education, a detailed study of cannabis, self-management skills and protective behaviours.

**T&E:**

This term sees the class continuing to work on their textile projects using the sewing machines.

**LOTE**

During Italian this term, students will be following the antics of the characters in Avanti and looking at Christmas traditions in Italy. Time allowing, we may even do some Italian cooking.
Art:

The students will be looking at the art of the Ancient Romans and will be creating their own friezes and paintings of the Gods and Goddesses worshipped during that time period.

Sport:

Boxercise continues each week with Lyn Kay. Students will be playing summer sports each Friday afternoon.

Homework:

Students have been given a homework schedule for Term 4 along with a new workbook. This needs to be brought to school daily so that work can be reviewed, marked and updated. Students are expected to complete homework regularly and present their work to a high standard.

Excursion:

An excursion to Perth in Week 5 with the Year 5s and 6s is being planned. Details and cost TBC.

Contact:

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