SPECIALIST NEWSLETTER
Term 2, 2016

Our students were active and enthusiastic learners during their Specialist subjects last term and we expect that they will continue to demonstrate Respect to their teachers, peers and themselves. During Art, Physical Education and Environmental Science students apply our ‘You Can Do It’ values of getting along, persistence, organization and confidence.

Physical Education (Foundation-2)

In Physical Education this term, students in the Junior Learning Centre will continue to develop their Fine Motor Co-ordination through the Soccer kick, over arm throw and Netball skills. While students are developing their physical abilities they will also be building their social and communication skills whilst working in teams and groups.

Physical Education (Grade 3-6)

Early this term, selected students will be representing Gembrook Primary School in the Emerald and District Athletics Competition. All students in the Middle and Senior Learning Centres will have the opportunity to also participate in the EDEC Cross Country Event on Wednesday 27th April at Mountain View Reserve in Cockatoo.

Students will be focusing on developing their fitness and improving their invasion skills through team based sports. Students will also focus on practising their skills needed in winter team sports (Netball, Football and Volleyball) in preparation to compete in the EDEC Lightning Premiership at the end of the Term.

Please ensure your child wears appropriate footwear and clothes, and brings a water bottle on the P.E days.

Johnathan Hawes

Environmental Science

In Environmental Science this term students will continue their focus on Sustainability. The emphasis will be on investigating the plants and animals that make our environment their home. Students will use iPads to take photos and research an animal or plant. Appropriate clothing (hats, coats) may be necessary this term as students will work outside, gathering data and observing these plants and animals. Some grades may participate in a Sustainable Day with their class and/or host a Produce Market.

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**Art (Foundation-2)**

During Term Two students in the **JLC** will continue learning about the **Art Elements** with a particular focus on colour. They will explore the Colour Wheel through the use of oil pastels and paint. Investigating Warm and Cool Colours in their environment will support their Science learning when linked with the changing colours of the seasons. Students will have the opportunity to display their work in book or mobile form.

**Art (Grades 3-6)**

Due to time constraints students were unable to study Australian artist Howard Arkley last term, so this will be the focus in Term Two. Inspired by his distinctive pop art style they will take photos and edit them using colour and patterns to emulate this work. This will give them continued practise in applying the **Art Elements** of line, colour and form to their work. They will also produce a report on the artist.

Please ensure your child has placed his/her Art Smock in their grade’s basket. **Jude Everett**

**Performing Arts**

Our students will all join together in an explosion of hands-on, musical teamwork, buckets of percussion instruments and a whole heap of energy to create **The Big Samba**, based on Brazilian Carnival street music. It will be a truly unique experience for students as they learn the discipline of working as a part of a group within a large whole. **Instruments** used may include: Drum Kit, Sudo drums, Timbales, Bells, Maracas, Tambourines, Cowbells and Claves.

All grades will be involved over two days of workshops (**June 9 and 10**) and there will be a concluding Concert.

Some grades and individual students will also be performing at our **Friday Morning Assemblies** this term. Keep an eye out for applicable dates in your child’s Learning Centre Newsletters.