SPECIALIST NEWSLETTER
Term 1, 2015

Science
A our whole Science school focus is on Physical Science this term. Our Foundation students will be exploring how things move in their “On the Move” unit. They will explore the push and pull forces they can use to move objects in ways such as sliding, bouncing and spinning.

The Grades 1 and 2 unit “Push, Pull” will also see students observe and gather evidence about how these forces act in air and water and on the ground.

Smooth Moves” is the title of the Grades 3, 4 and 5 unit and it provides students with the opportunity to explore forces and motion.

The SLC/Grade 6’s will be studying how energy is used to make changes in the world, including energy from the Sun, water and wind, in their unit, “Essential Energy”.

A Science Incursion-“The Circus Experiment” has been planned for Monday 16th February for students in Grades 1-6.

Jude Everett and Christian Fraser

Physical Education (Grade 3-6)
During Term 1 the MLC and SLC students will be focusing on their athletic skills. This is in preparation for our House Athletics on the 5th of March and EDEC Athletics on 18th March. Students will be practising their skills for throwing shot put and discus, running sprints and distance, relay, high jump, long jump and triple jump. They will learn the specific techniques for each of these activities. Students will set personal goals for the term and will develop a plan to meet these goals.

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

Tabitha O'Brien

Physical Education (Foundation-2)
PE this semester will focus on fundamental motor and movement skills. This includes, running, jumping, kicking, skipping, throwing and catching. We will practise athletic sports such as long jump, hurdles, running relays and throwing in preparation for the Junior Sports Day on Wednesday the 11th of March. We hope to see you all there!

Getting along skills and working in teams will also be emphasized during games and activities.

Taryn Smith

Performing Arts
This term all students will be singing and dancing in preparation for our whole school production of The Enchanted Faraway Tree. All classes are performing at least three choreographed songs. Senior students will have the opportunity to perform as lead roles. We are all looking forward to the production performance on Wednesday the 25th of March at Emerald Secondary College.

Tabitha O'Brien
Art

During Term One students in the JLC will be learning about the different Art Elements with a particular focus on line, shape, colour and texture. Students will learn about primary and secondary colours and will have the opportunity to mix their own secondary colours to complete their work. Students will be able to explore the different art elements through the use of different media such as painting and drawing using a variety of learned techniques to express their ideas.

Foundation students will focus on producing work based on themselves as learners and will look at art in their own environment.

Grades 1 and 2 will look at the different art elements and principles produced by Eric Carle, and students will have the opportunity to create their own art based on his work.

In the MLC and SLC, students will be focussing on line, shape, space, form, tone, colour and texture. They will work independently and collaboratively to select and manipulate different media when experimenting with a range of skills and techniques to plan develop and refine artworks though their visual diaries. Students will have the opportunity to create their own masterpieces based on the specific art elements and principles used by various contemporary artists.

We look forward to a fun-filled and enjoyable year in the Art Room!

Linda Fraser