

# SPECIALISTS' NEWSLETTER

Term 2, 2014



## ART

### Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2

Students will be using paint to draw and print in a variety of different ways. They will learn to add pressure to a pencil or pastel when shading, to alter the appearance of a picture. They will discuss what art they have seen and talk about their personal and cultural experiences. They will explore the concept of line further, by outlining their painted work, as well as engaging in discussions

about the concepts of background and foreground.



own version of this art work. They will learn to mix colors while painting onto card, not in a palette and will explore combining chalk, pastel and paint to create their art work. They will also learn to outline their work to create contrast. 'Starry Night' will help them to understand the concept of perspective - here, near and far.

### Grades 3-6

Students will be working on a mini project: 'Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh. They will make their

*Mrs Bennett*

## LIBRARY

### Prep and Grade 1

The students will explore a range of popular picture story books. They will be provided with opportunities to respond to the themes in the literature by completing a variety of activities which may include colouring page relating to the book, writing and/or drawing their own interpretation of the book. Library sessions will incorporate time for students to shares their creations.



### Grade 2 and Grade 3

Non-fiction will be a major focus and students will be presented with a variety of educational and interesting books, with easy-to-understand texts and delightful

illustrations, particularly about insects and animals. Students will be provided with a range of activities that may include colouring diagrams, creating their own illustrations for a non-fiction text, writing summaries and drawing about interesting aspects of the information they read. They will share their responses at the end of each lesson.

### Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 6

Students from Grades 4-6 will use their netbooks as part of the Library program. They will be involved in author studies based on books by Roald Dahl, Robin Klein and Paul Jennings. Using their netbooks, students will research information about the author. Using this information, they will create their own author

profile. This may be achieved in a format of their own choice (e.g. using Word or Powerpoint). They will engage in group discussions with a focus on what mandatory information should be included, e.g. date of birth, country of birth, full name, school attended, two other books written by same author, any literary awards etc. At the end of each study, students discuss and share their findings.

*Mrs McGrath*



*The library is open for borrowing before and after school daily, as well as the first half of lunchtimes on Mon/Tue/Thur.*

# PERFORMING ARTS

## Prep and Grade 1

Students in Prep and Grade 1 will learn musical theory and note reading. They will learn how to read basic tunes in bars and will play songs on the keyboard and percussion instruments. They will practise many techniques when playing these instruments, such as how to control the dynamics of a tune and how to play smoothly. Students will also explore singing and will learn lyrics to songs played in class. They will be provided with opportunities to showcase their talents during class presentations and through the use of their music journals.

## Grade 2 and Grade 3

Students in Grades 1 and 2 will engage in note reading using bars and a grand staff. They will learn

about notes and their values and will explore various techniques when playing the keyboards, ukuleles and percussion instruments. They will learn voice skills and will be provided with opportunities to put them into practice through the singing of songs learnt in class. Students will also begin to develop an understanding of how music can



be used as a means of communication and will continue to link tunes to stories and feelings.

## Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 6

Students in Grades 4-6 will engage in note reading and musical theory for the keyboards, ukuleles and the drums. They will learn how to represent notes in bars and a grand staff, and will begin to read and use various symbols and vocabulary. They will explore how to adopt different techniques and styles from other composers and will be able to use these skills when composing their own tunes. Students will be provided with opportunities to participate in class discussions and will record their musical journey in their journals and video diaries.



*Miss Fuser*

# PE (PHYSICAL EDUCATION)

## Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2

Students will participate in a Gymnastics and Dance Unit. During this unit students will learn how to control their bodies when jumping, landing, rolling, turning and twisting using a range of apparatus. They will participate in a circuit of gymnastics activities each week. Grade 2 students will also be introduced to more complex skills such as cart wheeling and hand standing. Throughout the dance unit, students will learn about rhythm, beat and music, working individually and in groups.

## Grade 3 and Grade 4

Students will participate in a Gymnastics and Circus Unit. Students will participate in a circuit of activities with a focus on

balance, spring and landing. They will work in cooperative groups to devise a floor routine, observe a partner perform a range of skills and give feedback.

Grade 3 and 4 students will also participate in the School Cross Country and have an opportunity to try out for Hooptime basketball teams to be played later in the term.

## Grade 5 and Grade 6

Students will participate in a Gymnastics and Hockey Unit. During gymnastics, students will perform a circuit of activities with a focus on balance, spring, rotation and landing. They will work in groups to devise a floor routine, observe a partner perform a variety of skills and give feedback. Throughout the hockey unit,

students will learn the rules and begin to explore the concepts of attack and defence. Winter Interschool Sport Competition begins this term and students will compete against other schools in our district every Friday morning. Schools in our district include Truganina South, Al-Taqwa, St. James, Baden Powell Derrimut Heath and Tarneit. The coaches for each sport are: Mrs O'Donohue: T-Ball, Mr Sutherland: Football, Mrs McLean: Volleyball, Miss Jarvis: Netball and Miss Onofretchok: Soccer. Students will also participate in the School Cross Country.

*Mrs O'Donohue*



