



Specialist Team Newsletter

Term 1 No. 1

Here is your specialist team for 2018:



PE News - Mr Battista

This term we are going to have an exciting and busy term. Our School Athletics day is taking place on Friday the 9th of March, if you're able to help on this day please contact your child's classroom teacher or Mr Battista.

During the term our students in Year 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to represent the school in a range of sports. We will have District, Division and Region Swimming taking place, as well as the District Athletics and Division Tennis.

During PE our Prep students will be participating in the Perceptual Motor Program throughout the term where they practice their fundamental motor skills and following the processes within PE. Our Year 1 and 2 students will be preparing for Athletics day and then continuing to develop their fundamental motor skills. Our Year 3 and 4 students will be preparing for Athletics day and then will be exploring tactics within a range of sports. Our Year 5 and 6 students will also be preparing for Athletics day and then will begin exploring the roles require during a season or organized sport during a SEPEP season.

ART News - Miss Minifie

A fresh year marks the perfect opportunity for students to go "back to basics" by exploring and building on their knowledge of the elements of art.

Foundation students will learn all about colour, line and shape as they explore the Art Room for the first time. We will also focus on how to use basic mediums and tools correctly and safely, whilst developing fine motor and descriptive language skills.

Students in Grades 1 and 2 are exploring interesting and creative ways that they can use colour, line, shape and texture in their artworks by observing examples by artists from around the world and producing their own interpretations. This language rich program will see students learning many new skills in drawing, painting and art appreciation.

Grade 3 and 4 students will consolidate and build upon their existing skills by "choosing their own adventure" in lessons based around colour, line, shape, texture, form, value and space. Students will be given the tools and information they need to produce works of art that reflect their own creative style, whilst still working to extend their knowledge of each element. In reflection, students will have the opportunity to critique and appreciate the use of art elements by famous artists.

Our lessons in Grades 5 and 6 have been structured in a way that will allow students to learn and apply new skills in 'express' art elements tasks, though will also provide them with the time to pursue their own creativity in free choice time each lesson. This is something that the senior students are passionate about, as each individual person brings with them different influences and styles that the class enjoy explaining, appreciating and critiquing during reflection time.

VOLUNTEERS IN THE ART ROOM

If you are interesting in spending time in your child's art class, our door is always open. Please feel free to volunteer or join us during art sessions by speaking to Miss Minifie before or after school. Please remember that if you would like to work in the classroom, you will need to provide a Working With Children's Check to the office.

DONATIONS WELCOME!

We are always looking to expose the students to as many different mediums and tools as possible in the Art Room. Currently, we are looking to source old photo frames, though other donations may include any craft materials, scrapbooking materials, fabrics, magazines and newspapers. These can be donated directly to the Art Room before or after school.



Science News - Megan Harper

We have a new science teacher this year, Mrs. Harper. She has worked in the environmental science field for the last 17 years and is now excited to share her enthusiasm for science and her science knowledge with the students.

Year 3 will be focussing on **HEAT**, how heat can be produced, transferred and measured.

Year 4 will be focussing on **FORCES**, exploring pushing and pulling, effects of forces on different objects and what role friction plays.

Year 5 will be focussing on **LIGHT**, exploring how light forms shadows and can be absorbed, reflected and refracted. They will also use mirrors and look at how we see colour.

Year 6 will be focussing on **ENERGY**, they will explore circuits and various electrical devices and look at conductors and insulators. They will also investigate the various forms of electricity generation, including alternative energy sources.



ICT News - Jane Irwin

The ICT Lab had a huge make over during the school holidays. It was wonderful to watch the year 1 and 2 students walk in during the first week and see their faces light up and lots of "Wow's".

The Prep students will be learning about the different parts of a computer and what each does. They will learn all the features of the keyboard through a program called Tux Typing. They will be introduced to logging on / off and how to save documents.

The first term will see the year 1 and 2 students revising how to correctly log on and off the computers shut them down and also how to open and save documents.

The year 1 students will be focussing on typing and using the keys on the keyboard with a program called Rapid Typing. They will also begin to explore the features of Microsoft word. The Year 2 students will be exploring Microsoft word looking at features such as changing font, making it larger, shortcut keys and centring text.



Mission

We work together to build strong relationships; fostering growth and learning for all.

Vision

To know our students, how they learn and to continue to develop excellence in teacher and learning practice.

Values

Stockdale Road Primary School's philosophy reflects a

Developmental, child centred approach that is anchored

In the personal interest of each child. This school seeks to

educate the whole child by nurturing their cognitive,

linguistic, physical, social and emotional growth.

Not all children are ready to learn the same thing, in the

same way, at the same time - Kathy Walker.

School Promise

When we care about each other and our school community, we share what we have, respect ourselves, each other and the environment, listen carefully, help each other learn, work hard and always give our best effort,

and have fun together.

We understand that everyone makes mistakes, that we look out for ourselves and others, and when someone tells us to stop we stop. This is who we are, even when no one is watching!