

Albury Public School Term 3 Newsletter -6WB

Teacher: Mr. Nicholas Brown Term 3 2024

6WB Weekly Timetable

Monday

9:00am Whole School Assembly / Stage Assembly

10:20am Music & Dance with Mrs. Morris

11:45am Number Groups

Tuesday

10:00am Number Groups

1:40pm Scripture/Ethics

Wednesday

11:45am Number Groups

Thursday

11:45am Science and Technology with Mr. Neil

Friday

12:45pm - Sport/PSSA

Welcome back to Term 3, 2024.

I hope you have all had a lovely break and spent some time with your family. It was fantastic to see so many parents, grandparents and caregivers at our open day last week. I am blown away with how supportive all our parents and caregivers have been this year towards the students, the class and myself. If you have any follow up questions from the open day, please do not hesitate to contact myself through our school communication pathways. Please find below, an overview of what to expect for the term. This will differ from class to class. If you have any questions, please contact the school to arrange for a phone call or meeting with your child's classroom teacher. This term we have some exciting things happening including school camps, Paul Kelly Cup, Netball Schools Competition and the 'Dancing through the Decades' performance. PSSA will continue, with the last day of competition being Friday 23 August (week 5).

This term's learning will focus on:

In **English** this term we will focus on Oral language and communication, Vocabulary, Reading comprehension, Creating written text, Spelling, Handwriting and digital transcription, and Understanding and responding to literature. We are continuing our study on Authority and Argument using our mentor text Eureka Boys. We will then focus on the English concepts of imagery, symbol and connotation.

Students will continue with **number groups** this term. Number groups are taught on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. **Number groups** will continue to be dynamic and flexible. Students will be assessed and then grouped regularly to ensure students are being catered for at their point of need. Measurement will be delivered and taught by the classroom teacher.

In **science and technology**, students will be going to Mr Neil's room in the Manor building. This term, students will continue the study of Earth and Space. This strand focuses on Earth's place in the solar system, changes on its surface caused by natural disasters and the exploration of how these may be mitigated. In addition, this strand further develops students' understanding of the Earth, its position in the solar system and as a dynamic part of a complex, interrelated system.

We will continue learning about child protection and respectful relationships in **personal development and health** and exploring our values and feelings in SEL (social and emotional learning). Students will also be participating in growth and development lessons later in the term (a separate note will go home with more information).

In **physical education**, we will be focusing on heart health by participating in activities to help us stay fit and energetic, such as skipping and dancing.

This semester, in **geography**, students will explore countries of the Asia region and the connections Australia has with other countries across the world. Students will learn about the diversity of the world's people, including the Indigenous Peoples of other countries. Students will explore and reflect upon similarities, differences and the importance of intercultural understanding.

Important Dates

Week 2 1/8 Wonga Wetland excursion

Week 2 1/8 OC testing day

Week 3 – 8 August Education Week, Open classrooms and picnic lunch

Week 4 – NAIDOC celebrations

Week 4 14/8 – Spelling Bee regional final

Week 5 – 20/8 – Book week parade

Week 5 – 22/8 - Riverina Public Speaking – Young

Week 5 - 23/8 - 6MB assembly

Week 5 - 23/8 – last day of PSSA

Week 6 – 26/8 – Netball schools cup

Week 6 – 27/8 – Father's day stall

Week 6 – 28/8 – 30/8 – Year 5 and Year 6 camp

Week 6 - 28/8 – Paul Kelly Cup – Girl's final

Week 6 - 29/8 – Paul Kelly Cup – Boy's final

Week 7 – 2/9 – Questacon Science Circus

Week 7 – 6/9 – Riverina Athletics Carnival

Week 8 – Growth and Development

Week 8 – 13/9 – Hockey Gala Day

Week 9 – 20/9 - 5LW & 5LP assembly

Week 9 – 20/9 – Footy colours day

Week 10 – 24/9 & 25/9 Dancing through the decades

In **creative arts**, students will participate in drama activities where they will be experimenting with improvisation, role playing, character development and storytelling. We will also be practising and refining our dance routines for the 'Dancing through the Decades' performance. In **music** this term with Mrs Morris, Stage 3 will identify and discuss structure, developing systems to record and reproduce their own musical compositions. We have an initial focus on drumming circles, using a repertoire of internalised chants and songs to ensure that rhythms are reproduced accurately in ensemble, while maintaining a steady tempo. Stage 3 will have opportunities to record their own ideas using a variety of digital and analogue techniques.

Home-learning - It is recommended that students read for 20 minutes each day. Students may also receive optional home learning tasks to complete throughout the term as well as activities on Google classroom.

Stage 3 teachers will continue to follow the assessment schedule to assess student learning across all areas of the curriculum. Our focus is to identify areas of proficiency and areas for improvement. Formative assessment results will continue to provide the basis for effective teaching across Stage 3 classrooms.

Public Education Week 2024 is in Week 3. The theme this year is 'Proud to Belong'. **Albury PS is celebrating Public Education Week with our Open day on Thursday 8 August**. We will commence at 10:00am with open classrooms, where you can visit your child's classroom and look at, and discuss, your child's learning with them. This is not an opportunity for parent/teacher interviews, which can be made for other mutually suitable times. A family picnic lunch will then follow from 11:00am – 11:45am with a sausage sizzle that is currently available for preorder only. Parent information session will then be run from 11:45am with our APC&Is to discuss how to support your child with literacy and numeracy. We hope to see you at the school on Thursday 8 August.

Year 5 NAPLAN

Students in Year 5 will receive their NAPLAN reports in the coming weeks.

Reminders and Requests

- **Fruit Break** is in the morning session in student's own time, we do not have a set break. Students are encouraged to bring a piece of fresh fruit or vegetables.
- Could each family please donate two boxes of tissues to our classroom? It is that time of the year, you would be surprised how many boxes we use throughout the year.
- If your child is absent, please complete an absent form on Sentral or ring the office to advise the school of the reason for absence. Notes would also be appreciated if for some reason, students cannot participate in physical activity due to medical advice.
- PSSA and Riverina representative uniforms are only to be worn to school on a Friday. Students need to ensure they are wearing the correct school uniform including jumpers and shorts.
- To keep up to date please read the school newsletter which is now available via email and through the Schoolzine App. If you have not registered via email, please do so by contacting our Front Office.

If you need to contact me, please leave a message at the Office and I will return your call as soon as possible. Maintaining a strong partnership between home and school is a vital component in ensuring your child has a successful year at school.

Kind regards, Mr. Nicholas Brown 6WB Classroom Teacher