



Something Special

News from Specialist Programs in Term 1 2019

Mitcham Primary School

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PE

The Prep students will begin the year developing their fundamental motor skills. They will play introductory games and familiarise themselves with different equipment.

The 1/2 and 1-3 students have begun the term with a focus on underarm and overarm throwing and catching. They will participate in many different activities to practice the skill.

Students in 3-6 will be focusing on athletic events this term in preparation for the Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 6th March. They will practice long jump, triple jump, discus, shot put, hurdles and running.

Whole School Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 26th March.

We have Doncaster Hockey Club coming out to run clinics with the 1/2 and 3/4 grades.

Have a great term!

Miss Laura Ellis



Visual Arts

The Preps have begun with short visits to the Art room as they settle into the routine of school. Over the coming weeks they will participate in guided drawing exercises as well as exploring various elements of art including shape, line and colour. They will also experiment with colour mixing using acrylic paint based on the picture story book 'Mouse Paint'.

The Grade 1/2 and Cycle 2 classes will begin the term by participating in guided drawing sessions, focusing on various picture story book characters. They will develop their skills in following the same instructions as those in their class building an understanding that everybody's art piece will look different and unique.

The students in the Grade 3/4, 5/6 and Cycle 3 classes will start the term discussing what they already know about art and how art is used in everyday life. They will explore various forms of drawing and sketching and how different drawing materials and tools can create different effects. Some of these materials include sketching tools, acrylic paint, water-colour pencil and paint as well as chalk and charcoal.

Miss Shea McFarland



Indonesian

Hai! Apa kabar?



Foundation students will learn how to introduce themselves, greet and farewell the teacher in Indonesian. They will participate in speaking activities, such as songs, drama, and dance.

Grade 1/2 and Cycle 2 will learn to greet people according to the time, how to describe their favourite animals and colours in Indonesian through simple routines, interactive games, stories and songs.

Grade 3/4 will practise useful phrases in Indonesian and share information about themselves related to daily routine, favourite pastimes, family and friends.

Grade 5/6 and Cycle 3 will be exposed to Indonesian culture and the geography of the Asia-Pacific region. They will learn the countries of the world in Indonesian by engaging in interactive learning while they learn fundamental vocabulary and grammar.

Terima kasih.

Salam,

Bu Glenda



Music & Performing Arts

This term is a Music focus.

All students started the year by learning about what it means to belong to a 'Community of Artists', a community being a group of people with a common goal, which includes values such as respect, co-operation and taking risks.

The Prep to Grade 2 and Cycle 2 students are starting off with a unit called 'The Sounds of Music'. They will learn to sing using solfege hand signs and play simple songs on a variety of instruments, including xylophones, drums and marimbas.

The Grade 3/4 students are also learning about the sounds of Music by singing with the 8 solfege pitches as well as playing a variety of instruments including xylophones and drums.

The Grade 5/6 students and the Cycle 3 students will be focusing on team work and a variety of musical concepts including analysing the songs for our Grade 5/6 performance, 'This Is Me'.

Mitcham Melodies and Five Six Mix Choirs will begin this term. Mitcham Music Makers is also starting this term.

Musically yours,

Mrs Natalie Wickham

