



Year 5 Newsletter

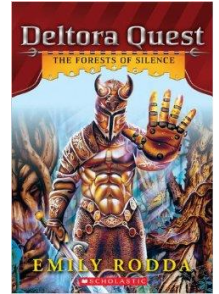


2019 ~ Term 1

Welcome to Year 5! Initially we will spend time getting to know each other, refreshing class and school expectations, and developing routines for the year. Below is an overview of the topics that will be covered in our key learning areas.



In this unit, students will listen to, read and interpret the novel *Forests of Silence*, furthering their understanding of character development in relation to plot and setting. They will demonstrate the ability to analyse the development of a main character through a written response. The assessment for this unit will be writing a fantasy narrative by creating 'good' and 'evil' characters, establishing the setting and devising a story line.



Reading Book Club



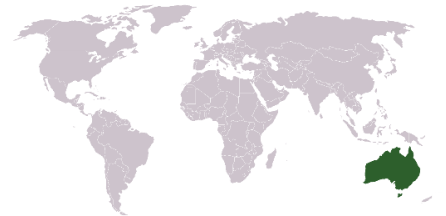
This term, our Book Club groups will begin in Week 4. Each week students will be required to complete the set reading from a book assigned to their group.

Reading can be undertaken at home or during whole school reading time. It is important that students have read the book so they can actively participate in their Book Club discussion by locating, answering, discussing and thinking about a series of guiding questions.

Geography

In this unit students will explore the interconnections between people and environments by examining how climate and landforms influence the human characteristics of places, and how human actions influence the environmental characteristics of places.

Students' mental map of the world and their understanding of place is further developed through learning about the location of the major countries of Europe and North America.



Maths



This year students will continue to extend their understanding of addition and subtraction strategies, whole number multiples and factors, comparing and ordering unit fractions, and how to interpret and present information (data). We will also explore a variety of strategies to solve addition, subtraction and multiplication word problems. The accurate recall of multiplication number facts and the ability to round numbers, and apply mental strategies for addition and subtraction all continue to be important mathematical skills in Year 5.

Science

We have an exciting term coming up in Science to begin the year. The students will be exploring how plants and animals survive in different environments including how they survive in extreme environments.

This knowledge will be used to design creatures with adaptations that are suitable for survival in a specified environment.



Art & Technology

Art - Students will explore artists' use of animal representations and relationship to environment as inspiration for a sculptural artwork.

Technology - Students will investigate how and why foods and fibres are produced in managed environments. They will design, produce and evaluate a food product for distribution to the local community using plants grown in our gardens. They will explore the role of design in food and fibre production occupations to develop solutions for current and future use.



Students will have weekly homework. This will include spelling activities, number facts and reading. At times there may be extra assignment work. As mentioned previously, students are expected to complete the allocated reading for their Book Club group.

Reminder: All students will receive **Mathletics** and **Reading Express** accounts shortly to consolidate and extend their learning and these can be used at home.

Physical Education (PE)

All Year 5 students have their Physical Education lessons on **Thursday** this term. They should wear their sports uniform for these lessons.

School Uniform

Our Manly State School uniform is to be worn proudly. The formal day uniform is to be worn every day except for the days when the class has a PE lesson. The formal uniform requires all black shoes. Check the Manly State School website to ensure students are wearing the correct uniform. In our climate, a sun-safe, broad-brimmed hat is essential when playing outside. Every student must **bring** a hat to school.



NO HAT, NO PLAY!!!

School Parades

Reminder: Label all uniform items and lunch boxes!!!

This year school parades will be held on **FRIDAY** mornings at **9am**. Parents are welcome to join us in the Hall at this time.

CAMP to Currimundi – WEEK 3

Camps are a great way to get to know each other and we are excited that this year's camp is in Week 3. On **Monday 11th February**, the Year 5's must arrive by **8:00am** with bags packed ready to head off on our annual 3-day camp to Currimundi on the Sunshine Coast. A detailed letter will be sent home shortly and will include a comprehensive packing list and instructions regarding **all** medications (including non-prescribed).

YEAR 5 ONLY Parent Information Night – Tuesday, 5 February 2019

At 5:30 pm, meet the teacher and receive an insight into the curriculum and the classrooms will operate. Note: Other year levels will have their Parent Information evening the following week (Week 3).

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