Senior Sub School Newsletter

August 2016

**Dates to remember:**

- **Monday 15th August**
  - Pupil-free Day

- **Monday 22nd August**
  - Father’s Day Stall

- **Mon 22nd to Fri 26th August**
  - Book Week

- **Sunday 28th August**
  - School Working Bee 9am

- **Friday 9th September**
  - CHPS Art Show

**Athletics Carnival**

On Friday 29th July all the students in Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6 travelled to Ballam Park to take part in the annual Chelsea Heights Primary School athletics carnival. All students participated in high jump, discus, shot put, long jump, triple jump and 100 metre sprint. All the students and teachers had a great time!

**Mathematics**

Fractions are our main focus for Term 3. Some of the areas that we will be covering include:

- comparing and ordering common fractions (half, quarter, third, tenths, ninths, eighths, sevenths, sixths, fifths)

- locating and representing common fractions on a number line (halves, quarters, thirds, tenths, ninths, eighths, sevenths, sixths, fifths)

- adding and subtracting fractions that have the same denominator

- solving problems involving addition and subtraction of fractions with the same or related denominator

- matching fractions to their equivalent decimal and percentage - investigating and calculating percentage discounts of 10%, 25% and 50% on sale items.
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Literacy

Reading stamina is a child’s ability to focus and read independently for longer periods of time without losing focus or distracting others. This stamina, or endurance, builds strength. The chart explains why it is so important for your child to read at home every night.

Our writing focus for the first half of Term 3 is narrative writing. Narrative writing can be defined as story writing, a piece of writing characterised by a main character in a setting who encounters a problem or engages in an interesting, significant or entertaining activity or experience. What happens to the main character is called the plot. The plot follows a beginning, middle and end sequence. The main story is the largest most significant part, which we call the main event. The main event is really what the story is all about and involves either a problem to be solved or a significant life experience for the main character. Authors write narrative stories in order to entertain an audience of others—this is called the author’s purpose.

Geography

This term we are focusing on the location of the major countries of Europe and North America in relation to Australia, and their major characteristics, including the influence of people on the environmental characteristics of places in at least two countries from both continents.

Science

Matter is all around us. It can be as small as the particles that make up the tiniest cell in our skin or as large as the whole galaxy. Anything that takes up space and has mass is called matter. In science, students are exploring the properties of solids, liquids and gases. They plan and conduct investigations of how the properties of matter change with temperature.

Senior Team

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