



# *Nedlands Primary School*

## *EXPERIENCE THE OPPORTUNITIES*

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. This term we will be continuing with the Diana Rigg Spelling Program and completing STARS, novel studies and literal, inferential and applied reading comprehension activities. We will revise addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies in Maths and extend students' knowledge and understanding of fractions and decimals, timetables and probability. Students need to complete set Mathematics activities linked to class work. If they are keen, students are encouraged to complete all Mathematics activities for Year 6 this year as they are excellent revision for important concepts. If students have any difficulties, they have been asked to see a teacher straight away.

In Health this term we will be using Curtin University's Aussie Optimism Program which focuses on optimistic thinking skills. Parent information for the first two lessons of this program is attached. The theme for Science is the environment, moving into electrical circuits later in the term. A number of fun, hands on experiments will be conducted throughout the term, including the construction of catapults and the "snufferouter" investigation. Robotics will be increased during the term as our new Ev3 Lego Robots have arrived and construction should be completed on Friday!

In Humanities and Social Science, we will be looking at the history and operation of Australia's government. We have presenters from the Constitution Centre visiting our classes on Wednesday mornings to discuss democracy, the Magna Carta, Federation, the three levels of government and making laws. We will be going on an excursion to Government House and the Magistrate's Court to learn more about the role of the Governor and to watch a court room in action on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. We will visit Parliament House on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, which is a sitting day, so hopefully students will be able to watch Parliament in action too. Permission notes will be sent home closer to the dates.

Year 6 received their Term 2 Assignment information on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Students' first assignment is researching a scientist. They will present the information on their chosen scientist to the class orally. Students will need to take notes on their scientist. Note taking will need to be set out with one column for 'Headings' and another for 'Key Words and Phrases' related to the headings. Students ruled up their first page for this in class. Presentations will commence on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

This term students will also be involved in cross-country training on Mondays and Thursdays, inter-school sport and the school Lapathon, for which they have already brought home the sponsor form.

We look forward to an interesting and productive term.

Kind regards,

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Year 6 Teachers