



# *Nedlands Primary School*

## *EXPERIENCE THE OPPORTUNITIES*

May 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to term two, I hope you all had a restful term break.

In Mathematics this term, students will compare and order common fractions and decimals and recognise that the place value system can be extended beyond hundredths. They will describe and create patterns with fractions, decimals and whole numbers. They will investigate strategies to solve problems involving addition and subtraction of fractions with the same denominator. The students will be identifying and drawing symmetrical objects as well as creating patterns and tessellations. They will construct graphs and interpret different data sets in context. The measurement tasks will focus on capacity and volume as well as 24 hour time. Teachers will continue to set Mathematics tasks as part of the weekly homework.

The focus for Science is Earth and Space. Students will be working in teams to explore the planets and moons in our solar system, looking for a place to colonise. They will choose a planet or moon and plan a presentation to justify why it would be a suitable place to colonise. The theme for National Science Week is Future Earth. The students will be learning about sustainability and investigating ways to bring awareness to the issues of responsible management of the planet's natural resources and living sustainably.

For History, students will be using key inquiry questions to develop their knowledge and understanding of the interconnections between people and the human and environmental characteristics of places. By identifying the importance of values and processes of a government and being able to identify the roles of different people in a legal system for a future world. They will need to justify that choices would need to be made when allocating resources of or for their future colonisation of the planet/moon chosen from the Science enquiry. This encompasses Civics and Citizenship, and the Economics and Business areas of HASS.

English will continue to focus on spelling, comprehension and grammar. Students will be concentrating on narrative writing and poetry for their entries into the Nedlands Primary School Writing Competition. They will use their viewing, listening and speaking skills to engage in discussions and debates from Behind the News media presentations; where they will be presenting their personal views and opinions. Also, the focus will be on writing questions that require higher order thinking responses.

In Health, we will be using the Aussie Optimism program and students will be focusing on Social Life Skills and Mental Health. A First Aid incursion will occur in week four with a test to be done soon afterwards.

This term is where the students take some big steps towards "*Independence*" – with some guidance – to take on all school work and get it completed as well as juggle the busy days and events. Please ensure your child has a diary and checks it often. Contact us if your child is finding this difficult to manage.

We look forward to the busy term ahead and appreciate the ongoing support you provide.

Regards,

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