



Our HASS concept this term is 'Change'. Students will learn about the significant people and events that helped shape Australia.

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

2nd: Students begin term 2
Community Mass

15th: NAPLAN -
Writing Conventions

16th: NAPLAN - Reading

17th: NAPLAN - Numeracy

18th : Excursion to
Fremantle Prison

28th: Mazenod House Day

JUNE

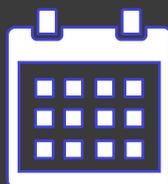
4th: WA Day Public Holiday

6th: Three Way Interviews

8th: Year 5 Assembly

28th: Reports available online

29th: Last day for students



WELCOME BACK TO TERM TWO!

We hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break and hopefully had the opportunity to spend quality time with your family. Rest and relaxation plays a big part in growth and success and we would like to thank you for the support you continue to provide at home.

Our students worked hard and produced some outstanding work in term one however term two is going to be a particularly busy time.

This newsletter outlines most aspects of our learning for the term however, if you have any further questions please feel free to contact us by email or make an appointment to meet through the office.

We are very excited to be back and we can't wait for the term ahead.

Mr Naden & Miss Thomas

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* Narratives

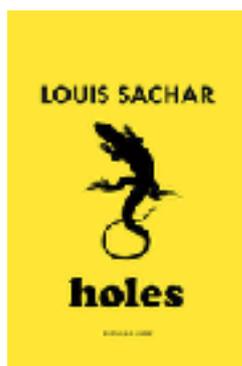
* Report Writing



Students will closely examine the features of narratives and identify successful techniques to use in their own writing pieces. They will learn how to add detail to their writing in order to describe characters and settings and engage their audience. Later in the term, students will research a famous Pioneer and write a biography on their life detailing the person's influence on Australian history.

CLASS NOVEL : 'Holes' - Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats is unfairly sent to a boys detention centre, but after being forced to dig holes all day, every day, it doesn't take long for Stanley and the other boys to realise something very strange is going on at Camp Green Lake. A classic children's novel, Holes is a humorous story about crime, punishment and redemption!



Our major numeracy focus for term two will be on measurement. This will including working with different units of length and mass, as well as calculating time and measuring angles. Students will work on a measurement project involving the construction of their own dream home created to scale!

During M.A.I lessons, our place value topic will conclude in the next few weeks, and students will then begin to work through addition and subtraction tasks.

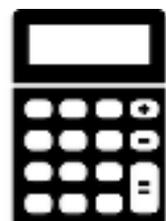
Our whole school focus on times tables will continue throughout the year.



MATHS

* Measurement & Time

* Geometry (Angles)



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- * The Church Community
- * Relationship Restored

This term, students will examine the beauty of creation and how Jesus taught his followers about prayer. They will write their own 'creation' prayers and be led to wonder why Jesus gave them the Sacrament of Penance, which helps restore their relationship with God.

During the Church Community unit, students will look at the example Jesus demonstrated in his community and how he began a special community, the Church, to help people draw on the help of God. Students will identify ways to play an active role in their own community.



This term in HASS, students will develop an understanding of the concept of 'CHANGE'. As we begin to explore stories of our country's past there is an appreciation that WE are creating the history of the future and as such we can identify ourselves as catalysts for change. As catalysts for future change, students learn about pioneers that have shaped our country. They will investigate significant figures and pioneers from the early settlement of Australia, as well as key events that took place in Australia between 1800-1950. A visit to Fremantle Prison will also shed some light on what life was like for convicts in Australia.



HASS

- * Pioneers of Change

NAPLAN

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

NAPLAN Testing : 15th May – 17th May

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR NAPLAN:

Here are some practical, common sense strategies to assist your child during NAPLAN:

- * Make sure your child gets a good night **sleep** during the testing week.
- * Having a **healthy** breakfast helps your child have the energy to focus throughout the day.
- * Please make sure they do not feel extra pressure about the test - this is not helpful as it just causes unnecessary anxiety.
- * It is most important that your child arrives on time for school (otherwise this too can cause stress for a child).

You Can Do This!

TEST-TAKING TIPS

REST ^{zZZ}
nom nom **EAT BREAKFAST**

PREPARE know the facts

Use a No. 2 Pencil **FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS**

if you don't know an answer **SKIP IT** come back to it at the end

STEADY PACE BE NEAT
not too FAST or too SLOW

CHECK YOUR WORK

RELAX do as well as you can!

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