SPECIALIST CLASS UPDATE

Junior P.E.
This term is primarily used to prepare our skills and teamwork for the incredible Junior House Carnival, yet there are other amazing events on the horizon too!

There is an opportunity for our Year 3 Cross Country competitors to shine at interschool level and we will hold 80metre qualification races from Year 1 to Year 3 for our Interschool Athletics Team competing in Term 4.

In addition, Pre Primary and Year 1 students will discover the difference between walking and running by examining their flight stage on film. Year 2/3 students on the other hand, will concentrate on object control skills by catching a variety of equipment. Well, time to get moving before Term 3 runs away from us!
Mr G.

Senior P.E.
Another exciting term ahead with the term packed with opportunities within the school Physical Education Program.

Next Wednesday 3rd August the Interschool Cross Country competition will be held at Singleton Primary School where 80 of our students from Year 3 to 6 will tackle not only the course but also the best runners from the other local schools. We wish them all the best in their efforts!

The Year 4 to 6’s have already started their preparation for the annual House Athletics Carnival which will be held over two days in Week 9 – Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th September. All students will have the opportunity to practise the events in their weekly phys-ed sessions and also trial to be selected to represent their house during Middle and Senior sport sessions throughout the term.

We look forward to seeing you at the carnival later this term!
Craig Lewington
**Indonesian**

Term 3 is going to be another busy term in Indonesian. The students will be continuing to develop their language skills through Listening, Viewing, Reading, Speaking and Responding. The topic continues focusing on “Getting Out and About”.

Our Indonesian Breakfast last term was a great success with some selected Year 5 students starting their day with Nasi Goreng Istimewa (Special Fried Rice). There will be another Indonesian Breakfast in week 10 this term, so look out for the date.

I would like to express a very warm welcome to LA7 and LA8 for joining us this semester and really can’t wait to meet these wonderful students for the first time this year. 

Terima kasih! Tiffany Yeap

**Junior Art**

Wow! I can hardly believe we’re halfway through the year. Time flies when you’re having fun in the Art Room.

My focus this term is to pay particular attention to technique. Many of the motions involved in creating art, such as holding a paintbrush or drawing with a crayon are essential to the growth of motor skills. Manipulating different materials is not only exciting, but educational as well. I will be focusing on the process, not the product. After all, the students are masters of the moment!

Mrs Nicola Dickinson

**Senior Art**

We have been letting our imaginations roam. Year 4 and 5 have been creating collage critters from recycled paper and magazines and the Year 6 classes have mastered the art of cutting vinyl to create a self-portrait. They are now learning how to print them into an edition and then experiment with the printing process. We have been discussing the fact that so many older adult artists wish they could recapture the imagination of a child.

Mrs Denise Thornton
Music
Term 3 is shaping up to be a very busy time in the Music Room. The choir will be performing three times within a matter of weeks and classes are getting ready to sing and play this year’s Music Count Us In song in early fourth term. Any families who are interested in finding out the background to this amazing initiative are welcome to check it out at: [https://musicaustralia.org.au/program/countusin/](https://musicaustralia.org.au/program/countusin/)

The Music room continues to be open on Monday and Friday mornings for any student who is interested in coming along to have their own private jam sessions and on the same days at lunchtime for more structured band sessions.

Mrs Kate Cullinane

Junior and Senior Science
Julie Pages-Oliver and Brenda Broad welcome Corinn Ditchburn (Wednesdays in Junior Science).

We are looking forward to a term of investigations about Physical Science. The Pre Primary and Year 1 students will investigate light and sound, learning that both sound and light travel. They will look at how light can be reflected, passed through or blocked by certain materials. They will identify sound as vibrations and compare characteristics of sound.

The Year 2 and Year 3 students will investigate forces and how they act on familiar objects. They will also look at forms of energy in our everyday lives and especially consider the importance of sustainable sources.

The Year 4 and Year 5 students will be investigating both direct and indirect forces to build a greater understanding of what makes objects move and what makes them stop. They will experiment with forces such as gravity, magnetism, elasticity, friction, and air resistance.

The Year 6 students will be investigating electrical energy to build their knowledge and skills of how energy cannot be created or destroyed but can be stored, transferred and transformed. They will also be developing a greater understanding of the impact of energy in our daily lives and the importance of conserving and developing different energy sources.

Julie and Brenda are also anticipating a fabulous day of activities across the school on Thursday 11th August in celebration of National Science Week. Also a quiz will be sent home during Science Week so the whole family can get involved and test and extend their science knowledge with some great prizes on offer.