TERM 3 OVERVIEW - YEAR 6

Welcome to term 3 of Year 6 for 2024! This overview is designed to outline what our classes will be engaged in this term.

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**School leader for Year 6:** Stacey Low

# GENERAL INFORMATION

* Drop off should not be before 8.45am as supervision is limited up until that time as teachers and learning support staff get ready for the day.
* If you arrive before 8.45am, you will need to wait with your parents/carers (juniors) or sit down in the senior courtyard (seniors).
* If you arrive later than 9.10am, you will need to sign your child in at the front office.
* Our ‘Kiss and Drop’ on Sherbrooke St operates for all students from 8.40-9.00am and from 3.00pm for dropping students to school and picking them up in the afternoon. Students in kindergarten to year 2 are assisted to get to their drop-off point in the morning and to ‘Kiss and Drop’ in the afternoon.
* Please do not drop students, without getting out of your car, at other areas of the school, particularly along Sherbrooke St. We understand that students may have to walk slightly further from the ‘Kiss and Drop’ area, but dropping them in other locations causes congestion for families who need to have the adult assistance getting out of the car and can cause safety issues with families walking and riding to school.
* Our break times will be:

Recess - 11:00am - 11:30am

# In-class eating time - 12:50pm - 1:00pm

# Lunch - 1:00pm - 1:45pm

# Please ensure that your child brings to following **labelled** items to school each day:

* A sun smart hat
* A drink bottle
* Sensible enclosed shoes for sport/P.E

# MONDAY MORNING YARN UP

# Every Monday, we have our whole school Yarn Up to start the week in the senior playground. Students line up behind their class sign at the first bell with the Yarn Up commending at the second bell. Monday Morning Yarn Up is led by the year 6 Student Leaders and involves the school sharing messages about lunchtime clubs, any upcoming events or other activities for the school. It is also a lovely chance for us to acknowledge students and staff and hand out certificates or ribbons from whole school events.

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 should not go to the junior playground on Monday mornings but should head to the senior courtyard. Teachers from the junior school have practised with the students where they go and will be there to greet them on Monday mornings when the bell rings. We will also assist anyone who uses the Kiss and Drop area, or who catches a bus.

All students in K-6 can be dropped off to the senior courtyard from 8.45am and can place their bags behind the sign for their class. They can then play in the courtyard until the bell goes. When the bell goes, all students then sit in their lines and wait for the Yarn Up to start.

All classes then head off for their learning for the day from morning lines.

COMMUNICATION

We would like to support families by reminding you about the best ways to communicate with us. Please read below to see the different reasons you may have for contacting the school and the processes you use for each situation. Just a reminder that messaging on Class Dojo is no longer being used here at North Ainslie Primary School.

Communication with parents and carers is important to us and our staff will always work to get back to your enquiries within a reasonable timeframe. There is no expectation that teachers respond to queries from families during their personal and family time.

We update families on what is happening at our school in a number of ways from information nights, emails, notes, newsletters, and Dojo. We encourage you to stay in touch with what is happening in our school through these channels.

Remember that our front office is a vital part of our communication strategy and is often a great first port of call. They can be contacted:

- by phone on 61420760 or

- via an email to admin@nthainslieps.act.edu.au

By using these processes, you also ensure the right information is getting to the right staff member in the most timely and efficient manner.

| **Reason:** | **Please contact:** |
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| **General Enquiries**   * **Permission notes** * **Enrolment enquiries** * **After school clubs** | The Front Office on 6142 0760 or via email: [admin@nthainslieps.act.edu.au](mailto:admin@nthainslieps.act.edu.au) |
| **Student Absences** | On the day:   * Use the parent portal (if contacting the school before 9:15am as this will stop you receiving an SMS from the school) * Email to [absence@nthainslieps.act.edu.au](mailto:absence@nthainslieps.act.edu.au) * Respond to the SMS from the school   Past or future:   * Use the parent portal * Email to [absence@nthainslieps.act.edu.au](mailto:absence@nthainslieps.act.edu.au) |
| **Late arrivals, early pickups and changes to arrangements for your child** | In advance   * Please email the front office, at least 48 hours in advance using the absence email address: [absence@nthainslieps.act.edu.au](mailto:absence@nthainslieps.act.edu.au) * This will ensure the communication is passed on to the teachers   Unexpected and on the day   * Please phone the front office on 6142 0760   *\*Please do not contact teachers directly as there is no guarantee they will see the communication in time.* |
| **The welfare or academic progress of your child** | In the first instance   * For any information regarding your child, please contact their class teacher in the first instance via email. All teacher’s email addresses are [firstname.lastname@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:firstname.lastname@ed.act.edu.au)   or   * Contact the school leader for your child’s year level via their email address: firstname.lastname@ed.act.edu.au   or   * Contact the school front office via 6142 0760 or email: [admin@nthainslieps.act.edu.au](mailto:admin@nthainslieps.act.edu.au) and they will direct you to the appropriate person or have someone contact you. |
| **Concerns or enquiries** | Please contact the front office via email [admin@nthainslieps.act.edu.au](mailto:admin@nthainslieps.act.edu.au) or call 6142 0760 for all general all:   * General questions regarding excursions and school activities * Non classroom related concerns or incidents * To make an appointment with a member of the leadership team   This will ensure the communication is passed on and responded to as quickly as possible. |

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# ***Staff responding to communication***

Communication with parents and carers is important to us and our staff will always work to get back to your enquiries within a reasonable timeframe. We aim to do this within three working days. There is no expectation that teachers respond to queries from families during their personal and family time.If your matter is urgent please contact the front office rather than the classroom teacher. This will ensure we can get back to you as quickly as possible.

STAYING HOME IF UNWELL

As we approach winter and the colder weather, we remind families that if your child becomes unwell to please not send them to school until their symptoms have resolved.

This winter we are again expecting to see a higher number of staff away due to seasonal illness, as will be the case across all workplaces. While these short-term absences cannot be entirely avoided, we can all play our part in minimising the spread of disease by doing the right thing.

Unfortunately, short-term staff absences due to illness can have an impact on the way we run our schools – and in some cases schools may need to temporarily adjust the delivery of programs in order to manage. This may include minor adjustments to school timetables, split classes, a reduction in extracurricular activities, camps and excursions, or periods of larger group or supervised independent learning. Teachers may use online educational resources as part of their teaching at school.

These temporary adjustments support schools to ensure student learning is not impacted, and if any changes are made we will keep you updated.

# TERM 3 LEARNING FOCUSES

Below is a brief overview of our learning focuses for Term 3.

| **English Focuses** | **Reading**  * Analysing, synthesising and summarising non-fiction texts * Identifying literary devices  **Writing & Spelling**  * Quick Writes, student choice * Using literary devices to enhance writing * Spelling inquiries into word morphology and etymology  **Viewing**  * Behind the News and other videos related to UOI topics to continue developing note taking skills  **Speaking & Listening**   * Student presentations to share research * Active listening activities * Presenting during Peer Support activities |
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| **Maths Focuses** | **Number and Algebra**  * Solving problem using the properties of prime, composite and square numbers * Solving financial problems involving percentages and rational numbers  **Measurement and Geometry**  * Converting between common metric units of mass and capacity * Calculating area of rectangles using formula * Solving problems using properties of angles  **Statistics and Probability**Interpreting and using timetables  * Interpreting and comparing data sets for different variables * Discussing and critiquing data representations and conclusions |
| **Unit of Inquiry** | **Sharing the planet (Weeks 1-6)***Central idea:* Our understanding of Earth has changed over time.*Concepts:* Connection, Function, Change*Lines of inquiry:*  * The key contributions that have shaped our understanding of Earth. * The relationship between Earth and other celestial bodies.  *Approaches to learning:*  * **Research skills -** Formulating & Planning, Gathering & Recording, Synthesising & Interpreting, Evaluating & Communicating, Creating * **Thinking skills -** Analysis, Evaluation, Considering new perspectives, Application  **How we organise ourselves (Weeks 6-10)***Central idea:* Developing strong leadership depends on many factors and an understanding of how leaders influence a community*Concepts:* Form, Responsibility*Lines of inquiry:*  * Personal beliefs and values * The skills, roles, responsibilities and qualities of effective leaders * Factors that influence our decisions   *Approaches to learning:*   * **Intrapersonal skills -** Self Control, Emotional Intelligence * **Interpersonal skills** - Respecting Others, Supporting Others, Social Intelligence, Resolving Conflict |
| **Specialist Focuses** | **French**  During this term, students will discuss in class some French events like Bastille Day, the French Revolution and the Tour de France. They will study sport, athletes and the Olympic Games. Students will learn about buildings found in Paris and French vocabulary to describe different famous Parisian places. They will also learn a French poem as part of the French Poetry competition taking place in the ACT.  **Art**  In visual art class this term, year 6 students will be learning about and exploring the elements of art, such as the use of texture, colour, contrast, form, and emphasis to communicate meaning. Students will have the opportunity to experiment with a range of art processes including making a drawing using pattern and line to create form, mask making with papier mâché and painting their masks to emphasise features using contrasting textures and colours.  **Music**  This semester, Year 6 students will study more complex rhythm symbols and apply this to Orff ensembles, ukulele and djembe drums. We expand our music vocabulary and create rhythmic and melodic ostinato. |

# TERM 3 CALENDAR

| ***Week 3*** | * **Thursday 8 August** - 5/6 Boys Futsal Competition @ Lyneham * **Friday 9 August** - Year 6 Assembly |
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| ***Week 4*** | * National Science Week * Bullying No Way Week of Action |
| ***Week 5*** | * Book Week * **Thursday 22 August** - Athletics Carnival |
| ***Week 6*** | * Literacy and Numeracy Week |
| ***Week 7*** | * **Tuesday 3 September** - Limelight Dance Tech Run @ Llewellyn Hall (9.00-11.00) * **Thursday 5 September** - District Athletics Carnival @ AIS   + Limelight Dance Dress Reh @ Llewellyn Hall (9.00-3.00)   + Limelight Dance Perform @ Llewellyn Hall (6.15-9.00) |
| ***Week 8*** | * **Thursday 12 September** - R U OK day? |
| ***Week 9*** | * **Tuesday 17 September** - School photos main day * **Tuesday 17 September -** ACT Athletics Carnival @ Woden Athletics Oval * **Thursday 19 September** - School photos - Preschool and catch up |
| ***Week 10*** | * **Wednesday 25 - Friday 28 September -** Last day of term 3 |

# WEEKLY TIMETABLE

What a week in **6RA** looks like:

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What a week in **6VS** looks like:

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If you have any questions, please speak to your child’s teacher. We look forward to a fun term of learning!

The Year 6 Team

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