Education Session at Sovereign Hill

Current Unit of Inquiry

Central Idea: Our past plays a major role in shaping who we are today

Lines of Inquiry:
- Who lived here first and how do we know?
- Key historical events and their impact on shaping Australia
- The impact of discoveries and social changes

Core Concepts: Change and Reflection

Skill Focus: Thinking Skills

Learner Profile: Reflective

Attitudes: Empathy and Integrity

Final Assessment: Students will research an important historical event in Australia’s past up to 1900. They will have the choice to present their findings as a speech, a report or a digital presentation.

This unit will be integrated throughout our curriculum. Students will have the opportunity to think about what Australia was like before white settlement, the arrival of the First Fleet, the Ballarat Gold Rush and other important historical events up to 1900. Having the opportunity to go to Sovereign Hill at the start of this unit was wonderful; it certainly provided students with a trip back in time. The camp provided many hands on experiences for the students and has certainly piqued their interest and has generated great inquiry already.

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ENGLISH

English sessions will include Language Convention activities, Spelling and Grammar, and Reading, Writing and Listening Skills. Students will continue with the C.A.R.S. (Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies) and S.T.A.R.S. (Strategies to Achieve Reading Success Program).

Grammar and Punctuation will be taught explicitly. Each week we will focus on something different and it will include; present, past and future tenses, writing in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd person, simple and complex sentences, and conjunctions. The writing focus for this unit will be on recounts including newspaper articles, letter writing and traditional recounts. Formal handwriting lessons will be included in the weekly program.

MATH

Math sessions for the next few weeks will cover fractions, time and money. We will link our mathematics classes to our unit of inquiry wherever possible. As a level, students will inquire into how money has developed and changed throughout the history of Australia as well as calculating the changing value of gold. Students will be using timelines when inquiring into the history of Australia.

We will continue to have weekly Math Mastery classes on a Monday where students will be taught topics at their point of need based on our Zone of Proximal Development analysis.
**SPECIALISTS**

Tuesday: Dance and Library  
Wednesday: Music, Art and Italian  
Thursday: Homework due  
Friday: Spelling Test, Sport and Garden

**DEAKIN SCIENCE**

For the first five Thursdays of this term, Level Three will be involved in a science program with Deakin University students. The university students will run small group science activities. Kingston Heath has been involved with the program for many years and students love the hands on nature of the lessons.

**GOOGLE CLASSROOM**

Late last term all students in Level Three were set up with a Google email and invited to join Google Classroom. This is a private space where teachers can communicate to the whole class and students can access important information at home. We will be using this page to post homework, spelling words, kitchen recipes and links to websites used in class. Hopefully your child has already shown you this resource, if you have any questions please ask.

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO BREE VALLANCE, CHRIS CHANG, KATRINA RENOUF, SOPHIE ZEINSTRA AND LISA DRUCE FOR ALL OF YOUR ASSISTANCE ON CAMP. YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT WAS TRULY APPRECIATED.**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

22 July Sabres Basketball Clinic  
26 July Yoga  
2 August Yoga  
3 August 6pm Level Three Camp Night  
9 August Yoga  
11 August Olympic Lunch  
16 August Yoga  
20 August KHPS 40th Birthday Celebration  
22 August Special 40th Celebration Assembly  
23 August Yoga  
29 August – 1 September Ski Camp  
30 August Yoga  
1 September Father’s Day Stall  
6 September Yoga  
9 September Closing Date for Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge  
12 September Whole School Concert Rehearsal and Matinee  
13 September Whole School Evening Concert  
14 September Whole School Evening Concert  
16 September Last Day of Term 2pm Finish

**PARENT HELPERS**

Parent helpers are need for Kitchen and Garden classes. Please speak to your child’s teacher if you can help.

**THANK YOU**

**MISS PAGE, MR JAMIESON, MR HEWITT AND MR KYD**