

# Stage Three Overview - Term 4 2014

2014 has flown by and we are now in the last term of school. So much is going on this term so please read the following information carefully.

## Dates for Term Four

Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	'Music Count Us In' Performance
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Cyber Smart Education
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Scientist in Residence Visit
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov-Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Surf Education
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Gold, Silver, Bronze Award Assembly
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	School Fair
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	High School Orientation for Year 6 students
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Scripture Assembly
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	SRC Handover
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Assembly
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Reports go home
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Day at the Collaroy Centre and Collaroy Beach
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Evening Disco (6:00pm-8:00pm)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Talent Show
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	School Picnic and Last Day of School

## English

Students will be looking at a unit of work involving Indigenous perspectives using different forms of media (books, websites, short movies etc.). All students will need to have a novel at school to read during DEAR time. They can bring one in from home or borrow one from the library.

**Your child will benefit greatly from reading every night and to have an adult help them understand what they have read.**

## Mathematics

There has been a huge improvement in Mathematics this year with students learning new mental strategies and mathematical concepts. Please ensure your child completes their Mathematics homework each week as this reflects what they have been learning in class.

There has been a strong push with Mathletics which involves your child logging on to their account through the internet. If your child cannot access the internet at home, they have access to computers at school with the library open at lunch times.

Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher about how your child is going with their Maths and what you can do to help them at home.

## HSIE - Study of an Asian Nation: China

This unit of work provides opportunities for students to develop understanding and appreciation of traditional Chinese culture and how it has changed as a result of interactions with other cultures. Students will have a contract to complete at home and at school on China.

## Science and Technology

This term we are looking at light and how light from a source forms shadows and can be absorbed, reflected and refracted. They will experience hands-on, shared experiences of how light travels and how different materials affect the transmission of light.

## Homework

Some students do an excellent job of completing their homework including reading every night. Well done those students! **It is important that your child completes their homework each week, has their reading log signed by an adult and returns it to school each week.** There are still a lot of students who are failing to read every night.

## Music

Music groups are going really well and all students are actively involved in their groups. Some groups will be performing on Presentation Day or the Christmas Assembly. On the 30<sup>st</sup> October, the school will be involved in Music Count Us In. It is Australia wide and celebrates the value of music education to students' development. It involves more than 600,000 students and teachers from schools all over Australia who sign up to learn, rehearse, and then perform the same song, on the same day. Students have been learning the song for this year, *Paint you a Song*, and are looking forward to performing it!

## Sport

Students will need to wear their sports uniform on Fridays. Classroom teachers will inform students if they are required to wear it on any other day. Stage 3 students will be participating in Surf Education in Week 6. A note will be attached to your term invoice. Please ensure that your child has returned the signed note as soon as possible to ensure they can participate in this fantastic opportunity!

## Equipment

**Please make sure that your child's pencil case is re-equipped with the following for Term 4.**

- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Pencil sharpener
- Coloured pencils
- Highlighters
- Ruler
- Ball point pens: blue, red, black
- Lead pencils and erasers
- **Box of tissues**

It is important that all equipment is **labelled** and that students take responsibility of looking after their own equipment.

**Students that come to class unprepared lose valuable learning time and don't learn to take responsibility of their own belongings. Please assist them with this by ensuring that they have the required equipment (labelled) at school each day.**

## Crunch and Sip

Crunch and Sip is happening in every class at Brookvale Public School. Unfortunately, some students continue to not bring fresh fruit/veg and water to school each day. Please assist your child in ensuring they can participate in crunch and sip.

## School Uniform - Summer

Boys		Girls	
<u>Summer</u>	<u>Sports</u>	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Sports</u>
Grey shorts	Maroon shorts	School summer dress	Maroon shorts
Maroon school shirt	Yellow school shirt		Yellow school shirt
Black leather shoes	Appropriate sports shoes	Black leather shoes	Appropriate sports shoes
Grey socks	White socks	White socks	White socks

**School hats must be worn every day, regardless of weather.**

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to finishing the year off with a great term. Please do not hesitate to make an appointment to discuss any queries or concerns regarding your child.

Thank you

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