



# Eastwood Public School

## Stage 3—Term 3 Overview 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3. The information below is a summary of some of the planned learning opportunities for Years 5 and 6 students during Term 3.

### English

This term, the students will be consolidating their knowledge of informative genres in reading and writing tasks. Students will be exploring class-based literature. Students in both Year 5 and Year 6 will be using comprehension strategies in reciprocal reading groups.

### Maths

Stage 3 students will continue to develop key mathematical concepts, as well as developing higher order problem solving techniques. Some students will be participating in the Australasian Mathematical Olympiad Competition. Another group will be focusing on problem solving through mathematical games.

### Geography

Students in Stage 3 will be learning about Border, Orientation, Legend, Title and Scale (BOLTS) in mapping and how to use a direction compass as a way of becoming familiar with the tools used in geography.

### Science

In Science, students in Year 5 will be studying the unit, Earthquakes. This unit focuses on what causes Earthquakes and changes to the Earth's surface. Year 6 students will be participating in a design and make unit based around the annual Year 6 Mini Fete.

### PDHPE

Winter and Summer PSSA runs throughout the term. Students not involved in PSSA will participate in Macquarie Sports for 5 weeks, which consists of a range of activities. They will resume school sport when Summer PSSA commences again. Stage 3 students will continue to develop fundamental movement skills during their PE lessons. Students will be focusing on Child Protection and the importance of all children being safe. Students will be participating in the C.A.R.E.S bicycle safety program from the 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August.

### Creative Arts

Year 6 students will commence weekly hip-hop lessons throughout the term.

Students will be learning techniques of sketching and then applying them to create illustrations of Eastwood skyline either built or natural.

### Remind App

Stage 3 will continue to use the Remind App to communicate messages between home and school. The app allows parents to receive brief messages about what is happening at school in years 5 and 6. The service is at no cost and completely voluntary. You simply need to install the Remind App (available for Apple and android devices) on your smartphone. During the setup process you will be asked to join a class. Use the class code **eps-year5** (for Year 5) and **eps-year6** (for Year 6). We will continue to use the newsletter, notes and the electronic sign as a means of communication.

### ***Term 3 at a glance...***

| <b>Subject</b>   | <b>How can you help at home?</b>   |
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| <i>English</i>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read to each other. Ask, I wonder why...types of questions</li><li>• Challenge you and your child to learn a new word each week and use it in a conversation</li></ul> |
| <i>Maths</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Look at mathematical concepts when doing shopping.</li></ul>   |
| <i>Science</i>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Talk about profit and loss and how to make useful prizes for the fete.</li></ul>   |
| <i>Geography</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revise capital cities of Australia and the World</li></ul>   |
| <i>PDHPE</i>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss the importance of <b>Child Protection</b> with your child.</li></ul>   |

### ***Important Dates***

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| Maths Olympiad            | 26 <sup>th</sup> July; 16 <sup>th</sup> August; 6 <sup>th</sup> September |
| Open Day (Education Week) | 1 <sup>st</sup> August  |
| Art Show                  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> August  |
| ICAS English              | 1 <sup>st</sup> August  |
| ICAS Maths                | 15 <sup>th</sup> August   |
| Summer PSSA               | 1 <sup>st</sup> September   |
| Camp Year 5               | 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> September                                |
| Mini Fete Year 6          | 21 <sup>st</sup> September  |