

CURRICULUM AT WPPS

TRANSITION INTO YEAR 7

Year 6 students will receive documentation later this term regarding secondary school placements for 2018. Please keep an eye out for these important documents and ensure these are returned to your child's teacher by the due date to ensure your child has the best chance of gaining a place at the school of your choice. Many schools will have Open Days so please contact the schools directly to find out when the tours will occur.

ICT

The Senior School ICT goal for 2018 is to extend the use of ICT to develop 21st century learning skills and improve student learning outcomes, across all curriculum areas. Students will use ICT for research, communication and presentation purposes. Students will be exposed to a range of programs and will be encouraged to develop their information technology skills. The students will participate in a Cyber Safety unit aimed at ensuring students use ICT in a safe and responsible manner.



Literacy

Reading

This term, students will develop reading strategies aimed at improving their overall reading ability and comprehension. Through the use of author studies, Reader's Notebooks and Literature Circles, students will focus on making connections, identifying character traits and discovering meanings within texts. Students will also be encouraged to ask questions when reading and will track their thinking on post-its. Students will focus on who they are as a reader, what their strengths and weaknesses are and will be active in improving their reading. Students should continue to read at home each night and complete Literature Circle homework.

Writing

Students will take time to set up their Writer's Notebook and understand the process of developing a piece of writing from 'seed' to published piece. They will be encouraged to bring in a variety of their own 'seeds' to brainstorm ideas for possible writing pieces. Through the use of the Writer's Notebook, students are able to follow their own interests and write about ideas and topics that are truly their own. As well as using the Writer's Notebook, students will also be involved in writing lessons focused on the purpose, structure and features of Narratives and Exposition texts.



Speaking and Listening

Students will contribute to class discussions and sharing sessions developing suitable tone and volume. Listening and responding appropriately are also a focus of these sessions. Students will also take part in debates linked with their understanding of expository texts.

Numeracy

Students will be encouraged to take risks and be confident in their personal knowledge of Mathematics as they investigate many different areas of the Mathematics curriculum. Students will investigate whole numbers, developing strategies to be applied in mental and written computation. They will focus on counting, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Other areas of mathematics to be covered include statistics, probability and chance measurement and geometry.

Hard at work...

Photos: Students from Year 5 designing and building a bridge out of straws and tape that needed to hold 500g. (Many held 1.8kg!)

