Fantastic 456: Term 1

HEALTH and ECONOMICS

Our focus in Economics has been on understanding the need to make choices about how resources are used. We have also looked at jobs, how they have changed and what they might look like in the future. We wrote a discussion comparing two items, using the available information to make an informed decision. This helped us to learn about opportunity cost, which is what you miss out on by choosing one option over the next best choice.

In Health, we looked at emotions and the choices we can make to stay healthy. As the year progresses we will continue to build our understanding of character strengths and how they can help us navigate difficult situations. We wrote the biographies of people we admire, to help us think about the people we want to be.

MATHS

In Maths we have been focussing on place value and the decimal system. We have been looking at the four processes (multiplication, division, addition and subtraction). We have looked at large numbers to the hundreds of thousands and decimal thumbers to the thousandths. We will continue to revisit and build on these skills as the year progresses.

ENGLISH

English has seen us focus on a range of writing styles. We began the year looking at recounts and how we can use detail to capture our reader's interest. We are now focussing on writing a persuasive argument, in preparation for the NAPLAN in May. We have looked at issues that affect us personally and those affecting the broader community, such as whether we should have homework and whether Australia should host high-energy nuclear waste long term.

BUDDIES

On Friday the 11th of March we had our first session with our Prep/1 buddies. It was a fantastic opportunity to revisit the qualities we want to uphold and the example we need to set for students coming through the school.
Fantastic 456: Term 2

ANZAC DAY

For the first two weeks of term 2 we will be focussing on Anzac Day, in preparation for a special Anzac Day assembly on Friday the 22nd from 2:45-3:15pm. This assembly will be held at the school and we invite parents to come along. We have begun our unit by learning about what started the Great War and will discuss why nations were fighting at Gallipoli. We will unpack the significance of the 25th of April and the Anzac experience. We will be researching local Anzacs and their stories as part of this unit of work and what Anzac Day means for us as Australians.

SCIENCE

After Anzac Day, we will have a science focus in 456. As part of this we will be looking at biological sciences. We will be starting a class garden in the coming weeks. On Friday next week we have a representative from Bunnings coming to coach us in garden maintenance to kick this off. Later in the term we will focus on chemical and physical sciences. We will also be developing our inquiry skills, looking at the role of questioning and predicting, planning and conducting experiments and forming conclusions from our observations.

MATHS

In Maths we have a focus on measurement this term. We begin by concentrating on a sound knowledge of units of measurement. We want to develop a clear understanding of what mass, capacity, area, length and temperature are and what units we use to measure them. We also want to build a clear picture of the scale of each unit, relating them to as many situations as possible.

ENGLISH

In Writing we are now researching people who served in various wars, particularly ancestors and people from our local area, to write tributes for the Anzac Day assembly. We are studying various texts on the theme of Anzac Day to inspire our own writing.

As the term progresses we will focus more on science, looking at informative texts like explanations and scientific reports.

We are currently focussing on vocabulary and how it enhances writing for a range of purposes and audiences.