Welcome to 5C - Term 1- 2015

Dear 5C Parents,

My name is Mr Nathan Casey and I have the privilege of teaching your child in 2015. Welcome to 5C! We have a great term planned and are looking forward to School Camp and the Swimming Carnival. I look forward to meeting you during the year and I am excited to be working with your kids.

Dates for Term 1:
- Week 3: Homework begins
- Week 4: Inquiry-Based Learning begins, Swimming Scheme
- Week 5: Swimming Carnival (Feb 26th)
- Week 6: School Camp (2/3/15-6/3/15)
- Week 9: Parent-Teacher Interviews

A brief overview of topics this term.

**English**
**Talking and Listening**
 Students are encouraged to participate in ‘Learning Circles’ on a weekly basis. I will soon inform each student of the various discussion topics and rosters. Prepared public speaking topics are set each term.

**Reading**
 Students read for 20 minutes each day in class and also participate in the home reading program each week beginning Week 3. We will also be looking at comprehension strategies to assist our reading.

**Writing**
 Students will learn to write different types of text and also learn the purpose of a piece of writing. This will help Year 5 for NAPLAN testing.

**Mathematics**
 In Maths we will be preparing for our NAPLAN testing with practice questions and strategizing for Year 5. Our Maths activities will start with an emphasis on Whole Number followed by addition and subtraction strategies.
 We will have a focus on timetable challenges each week. It would be great if you could challenge your children to a speed test at home!

**Human Society and its Environment**
 Students will be studying ‘Gold and The Eureka Stockade’ this term. This involves trialing parts of the History syllabus which will be implemented in 2016!

**Sport**
 Sport is on a Friday and we are encouraged to wear our full sports uniform to school. Students also (if selected) participate in PSSA sport at various venues.

**Leadership**
 We will have a leadership program running in Term 3, with an emphasis on team-work, leadership qualities and building children’s confidence to speak to an audience. This is in preparation for leadership nominations in Term 4.

**Timetable for RFF, and library**
 We have Science and Technology with Mrs Graham on Tuesday from 9:15 a.m. until 10:55 a.m. Library is on a Monday at 11:15 p.m. and students will need to bring in their library bags and books every week.

**Inquiry-Based Learning**
 Our class will be piloting inquiry-based learning scenarios and exciting student-lead work. Stay tuned!

**Chickens!**
 Our class has the pleasure of looking after the school chickens this year, feeding them, giving them water and collecting their eggs. If you ever have any food scraps, please send them in with your child.

**Fundraising!**
 We will be selling ice-blocks and ice-creams through the canteen on a Tuesday and Thursday to raise money for the Year Six Farewell. We will be asking for parent helpers for this event later in the year.

Please contact me regarding any concerns at nathan.casey1@det.nsw.edu.au or at school on 99137077.

Sincerely,
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5C Classroom Teacher