**Upcoming Dates**

- 3rd of March - Year 5 Water Safety Day
- 14th of March - Labour Day Public Holiday
- 17th of March - School Disco
- 24th of March - Last day of Term 1
- 25th of March - Good Friday
- 11th of April - First day of Term 2

**Writing**

In Term 1, the Year 5 students will be developing their skills in writing recounts, narratives and persuasive texts. They will be following the five stages of writing (planning, drafting, editing, conferencing and publishing), which are modelled and reinforced each day. During writing sessions, the students will be using visual literacies to help build their vocabulary and extend their ideas. Students will continue to use V.C.O.P (Vocabulary Connectives Openers Punctuation) as a tool to help with their writing and learn the 9+1 Traits of writing to ‘up-level’ their writing pieces.

**Inquiry Learning**

What an exciting time we are having in Inquiry this term! We have had the chance to analyse ourselves and discover the way in which we learn. We did this by researching our multiple intelligences and discovering which suits us best. Each of us then had the chance to develop some strategies to be sure we can learn best in the classroom. Our energy unit started with an exciting introduction when CERES visited our school to inform us about different types of energy! We learnt about renewable and non-renewable energies and also their impact on the world around us. This helped us to springboard into a unit where we are getting the chance to experiment with other energies such as potential and kinetic, light and sound, heat and thermal and magnetic energies. We will be discovering where the energy comes from and how it can be changed to affect the objects around us.

**Reading**

This term in Reading, the Year 5 students are continuing to learn different strategies to build on the reading skills. Through the CAFÉ program the students are learning how to further comprehend texts they read, to read a range of texts accurately and fluently and to expand their vocabulary to assist in other areas of literacy. They will be practising the skills they learn by completing group work, buddy reading, independent reading, conferences with teachers and Readers’ Theatre activities. The goals that students will set themselves during conferences with their home group teacher will be something they can continue to work on when reading at home.

**Spelling**

Cranbourne East Primary School is excited to begin our new spelling program where we will be learning about the four strategies that help us to spell words. The Year 5 students will be learning about the phonics and visual aspects of spelling, as well as the meanings of words and where they come from.

**Maths**

During Term 1, the students in Year 5 are working on developing their understanding in 2D and 3D shapes, the place value of numbers, angles, addition, subtraction, money and chance. The will be completing engaging maths games and activities, Mathletics on the computers or iPads to practice skills learnt in the learning space, independent or partner work and maths projects that are linked to real life problems where they get the opportunity to use a range of maths skills and knowledge. Students are working closely with their teachers to extend their learning and to work towards a goal they have set using their maths learning ladders.
Meet the Year 5 Teaching Team

Hi! My name is Heather Gray and I teach 5H. I am so excited to be teaching at Cranbourne East this year. I’m really looking forward to the year ahead getting to know everyone especially the Year 5 students. My hobbies include reading, walking, knitting and other forms of craft. I have a dog named Tess and I love spending time with my family.

Hello everyone! My name is Sadaf Mirza and this is my second year of teaching grade 5s. I am greatly enjoying getting to know all the students. The kids are doing a fantastic job in adjusting to the routines of being in the senior section of the school. We are looking forward to all the fun activities coming up during the term! My hobbies include spending time with my family and friends, reading books, and playing with my children. Our family passion is learning about space, watching videos and documentaries about space and sky gazing with telescopes.

Hi! I’m Dannielle Arthur and I teach Grade 5. This is my first year teaching at Cranbourne East Primary School and I am very excited to be teaching here. Previously, I taught at Hallam Primary School and Overport Primary School. My hobbies include Crossfit, Netball, performing and reading.

Hello to you all! My name is Rebecca Collier and I teach grade 5R this year. After such a stellar start to the year, I am so excited for all the adventures and learning we will get to experience together. It is my first year teaching at Cranbourne East Primary School and already I am having such a great time with you all. My hobbies are singing, playing the clarinet, spoiling my nephew, William and watching Australia win the cricket!

Hi, I’m new to CEPS and am excited to be starting my third year of teaching with the Year 5’s. My name is Nicole Costa and I am teaming up with Perri Gardiner in 5NG. We have made a great start to the year by showing an optimistic attitude to learning as well as making positive relationships with all students and teachers. Outside of work I love to listen to music, read and spend time with family and friends. My dream is to skydive and swim with Great White Sharks 😊

Hi everyone! My name is Perri Gardiner and I teach 5NG with Nicole Costa. This will be my 6th year teaching and my 4th teaching at Cranbourne East Primary School. I play soccer on the weekends and enjoy reading and spending time with my friends and family. I’m so excited to be working with the Year 5 students this year! The Year 5s have had a great start to the year and I cannot wait to see what’s going to happen next.

Hello! My name is Zoe Overdyk and I teach SH. I am so excited to be teaching at Cranbourne East this year. I’m really looking forward to the year ahead getting to know everyone especially the Year 5 students. My hobbies include reading, walking, knitting and other forms of craft. I have a dog named Harry, my husband Joe and my red heeler Blue. My family and I plan to travel Australia one day.

Hello to you all! My name is Stacey Clark and I am so excited to be part of the Year 5 team. More importantly, I am thrilled to be teaching students in the 5CZ learning neighbourhood. It is going to be a fun year full of learning and it has been wonderful to watch all the students be engaged and focused during their lessons. I have experienced eight wonderful years of teaching and I am looking forward to helping my students reach their learning goals this year. My hobbies include cooking, reading, playing sports and camping.

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