



# 8M Term 3

## What's happening at School?



### Toby Palmer and David van Petersen at the Reading Crusade

9 weeks seems like a very short time in which to do a great deal of work. The boys will have their heads down this term and will earn their 3 weeks holiday. We look forward to the Music Evening and the House Singing competition.

We are also covering a Visual language unit on Colour and Advertising. We will be analysing the effects colour has in advertisements, visual images, slogans, word-art, layout and much much more.

Please remember to email or write a note if your son is absent from school.



ANGUS MANN HAS NO FEAR  
CLIMBING THE 'ROCK' WALL AT THE  
ROXX INDOOR CLIMBING CENTRE.

### Creative Writing

Each boy in the class has been developing a short story.

The focuses of story writing have been; to add description to text, creating word pictures, showing – not telling, punctuation and fun.

We have also been working on how to structure a story, including an orientation, complication and resolution to the story.

The Grammar work for the term includes quotation marks, commas, question marks, exclamation marks and capital letters. We are also recapping all of the learning the has taken place this year.

### Speech Writing

This is the term where all of the Senior school sharpen their speech-making skills. Possibly the most stressful time for some of the boys.

### Health

Health this term predominately focuses on Changes in Puberty. We will cover both the physical and emotional changes that occur for girls and boys. I'm sure you will look forward to answering some challenging questions!



## READING

This term the boys will be working in a combination of both group and whole class reading. Grouped reading enables the boys to learn at a speed and the level that suits their needs. Each group have their own objectives to cover. The aim is to have every boy improve their reading age and to extend their comprehension skills.

Whole class reading will include the study of a famous political satire *Animal Farm* – by George Orwell. The boys' will have an in-depth look at the Russian Revolution, analyse characters and will delve into the different styles of leadership shown throughout the novel.

## EFFORT CARDS AND PREP DIARY

Thank you for your support in helping encourage your son to take responsibility for his learning in the last two terms. It is really important to keep your son focused on putting his best effort in this term. This will set him up for life at secondary school.

Please encourage your son to organise a schedule that suits his busy life. Thank you in anticipation for signing the Prep Diary each night in both places. I will be monitoring how much the boys are reading at night.

Have a fantastic term and please do not hesitate to contact me if need be.

Many thanks

Mike Molloy



*"Oh no, not homework again."*

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