Dear Parents/Guardians

Over the next term our class will be undertaking new units of work based on the National Curriculum. These units cover the Learning areas of English, Mathematics and Science.

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| English       | • Reading contemporary short stories  
• Investigating short stories from other cultures and historic  
• Exploring the structure of an extended written response  
• Planning and publishing  
• Their own short story created following the correct format. |
| Mathematics   | Students will study...  
• . fractions  
• decimals and measurement  
• prisms and pyramids  
• properties of whole numbers  
• data use and presentation  
• Pencil/paper assessment |
| Science       | Students will investigate changes that can be made to materials and how these changes are classified as reversible or irreversible.  
• Supervised assessment - Making changes  
• Use student responses during investigations and activities to monitor student learning. |

The other key learning areas are covered by the Queensland Essentials.

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<td>Students create an artwork using visual arts elements and concepts to express a visual representation of a familiar short story.</td>
<td>• Link to English Assessment, focussing on detailed representation of a short story.</td>
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<td>SOSE</td>
<td>Students investigate the cattle industry in Australia and its importance in Queensland.</td>
<td>• PowerPoint using knowledge and understanding gained to produce a presentation.</td>
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| Technology          | Technology as a Human Endeavour  
• Technology influences and impacts on people, their countries and environments. (This will be done in conjunction with the unit of work on the “Beef Industry”). | • Students will design, make and appraise a cattle trough that can be used to feed cattle. |
| Health              | Personal Development                                                      | • Students will gather information                             |

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Students will learn about personal wellbeing and how lifestyle choices influence emotional, social and physical health development.  

and write a flyer to inform and influence their school friends.

ICT is embedded in many units of work across many different Key Learning Areas.

**Diagnostic Testing**

The children will be undertaking diagnostic testing in Spelling and Reading. This will occur in Week 5.

**Class Excursion**

In Term 2, students will be travelling to the Rockhampton Showgrounds to participate in “Beef Week” activities. Beef Week is being held from Monday 7 May to Saturday 12 May. Date of visit will be advised at a later date.

**Homework**

Students are given a weekly Homework Sheet on Monday afternoon, which is to be handed in by the following Friday morning. Unfinished work will be completed at lunchtimes.

**Swimming / School Sport**

There is no Swimming for students this semester. Year 6 students participate in Cricket and T Ball Interschool fixtures in Term 1 and Rugby League and Netball in Term 2. Students who remain at school on Friday afternoons are involved in a variety of activities.

**Term Calendar**

This term students in 5/6C are involved in regular Cybersafety lessons each week.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews (Term 1 and Term 3)**

At the end of this term I will be conducting parent teacher interviews. This will provide you with information about the progress that your child is making at school. I will be sending home a letter about this at a later date.

If you have any questions or concerns about our work this term please contact me at school on 4930 0111 or email bandr21@eq.edu.au

Regards

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