



# Fig Tree Pocket State School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to a new and exciting year. We are both looking forward to a fantastic year working with your children. We are keen to work together with you to promote a happy, healthy love of learning in all who visit the Year Five classrooms.

## Semester Overview

### Term One

During this first term, the Year Five students will be looking at Australia's *Inland Explorers* and the first Australian's through *Aboriginal Studies*. These units will culminate in the students planning and describing the journey of an early Australian explorer.

### Term Two

In Term Two, the children will be looking at Science through History. This unit requires the students to take a closer look at the developments that science has made and how those changes have affected our culture and society. The children will be asked to prepare a biography of a historical scientist.

During this term the Year Five classes will also be heading to the Science Centre, to explore the scientific world.

## Homework

Homework grids will be given out to children on a Monday morning and marked fortnightly on a Friday morning. Could we please ask for your cooperation in signing off on the children's work?

## Spelling

This year we will continue with the Words Their Way spelling program which we hope will continue to improve all the children's spelling results. Students will be grouped across Year Five and their weekly spelling words will be sent home.

## Camp

During Term 4 the students will be participating in an overnight camp at Emu Gully. The children will be very excited and keen to try a lot of new experiences.

## General

All subject areas will be taught in accordance with the Department of Education's syllabus documents. Parents are welcome in the classroom, but please bear in mind that Year Five children are expected to be responsible and independent workers.

Please feel free to contact us at any time to make an appointment to discuss your child's progress.

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