Term 1 KLA Content
Other areas of focus for this term are as follows:
- **Writing Focus** – Persuasive texts
- **HSIE** – Australia, Who Are We?
- **Science and Technology** – Desert Survivors
- **PDHPE** – Considered Choices & Keeping Myself Safe Around Drugs

Requirements
A letter regarding materials required for this year has already been sent home. It would be of great assistance if you could provide these for your child and keep them regularly stocked. Please ensure that all student materials are **clearly labelled** with their name. It is vital that all students have blue and red pens, a pencil, rubber, ruler and glue with them daily to complete their school work.

Excursions
There are numerous excursion and activities planned for this year. These have been outlined with approximate costs on each class information sheet. Please remember that student assistance can be requested to support with these payments.

Absences
Children are required by law to attend school; therefore, all absences must be recorded. We ask all parents to provide a written explanation, within 5 days, when children are absent. Arriving late or leaving early, also require authorisation as it is recorded as a partial absence on the roll.

Behaviour
Behaviour is expected to be of the **highest standard** and all students are encouraged to be well mannered and polite. Throughout the year, students will also receive Personal Best Awards as recognition of their hard work and effort in all aspects of school. These awards can then lead to Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

School Website & Email
Please remember to keep an eye on our school website at [http://www.macfields-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.macfields-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/). All notes, student pictures, work samples and ongoing school and class information will be posted on this site.

If you need to contact either us, we are available by email [kellie.mcgilvray@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kellie.mcgilvray@det.nsw.edu.au) and [neil.tasker2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:neil.tasker2@det.nsw.edu.au) or at school (02) 96051024.

Stage 3 Teachers:
5 Honey – Miss Elizabeth Hastings
5 Salsa – Mrs Janine Stratton
5 Strudel – Mrs Kellie Stojanovic & Mr Neil Tasker
5/6 CCs – Mrs Colleen Falconer, Mrs Clarice Maclou & Mrs Michelle Sheriff
6 Éclair – Mrs Nicole Egan
6 Ganache – Mrs Candice Gilyatt
6 Macaron – Mrs Sharon Macpherson (Stage Supervisor)
**Literacy and Numeracy**

Throughout the year students in Stage 3 will participate in class based literacy and numeracy groups. After a thorough assessment, all students will be placed into groups with peers who are working at the same level. For some children, this will involve extension work, whilst for others it may mean spending more time acquiring basic skills and concepts.

**Reading**

All students will participate in guided reading this year; each teacher will explain how it will be implemented within their room. However, all students will read a number of books throughout the year. Books will be selected at the student’s instructional reading level and usually be accompanied by appropriate language activities.

Students will also participate in whole class shared reading sessions, in which new strategies and skills are taught and modelled.

It is expected that all students in Stage 3 read daily at home. Please encourage students to read various text every day.

**NSW Premiers Reading Challenge**

In addition to other reading programs within the classroom, students are encouraged to participate in the NSW Premiers Reading Challenge. Stage 3 students are required to read 15 books from a select list of books and 5 personal choice books, therefore a total of **20 books**. The books selected for the reading challenge can be identified at both the school and local library by a purple sticker, marked 5-6, on the spine of the book.

**Spelling**

Spelling is based on the Spelling Mastery Program, with stage appropriate spelling rules, patterns in language, sight words, and extension words included in the program. All students within Stage 3 have commenced this program. To support the implementation of this program, we ask students to purchase a text book, currently $21. A note with this information will be sent home when students require a new book as they have moved to the next level.

**Homework**

Throughout the year students will be provided with homework activities that are carefully planned to reinforce concepts taught in class. This will include paper based work and within some classes, internet based activities such as [www.smartkiddies.com.au](http://www.smartkiddies.com.au) and emailed quizzes will also be provided.

If there is a problem completing homework due to family / sporting commitments please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher. We understand that our busy lives sometimes make it difficult to complete homework.

We would appreciate if all students could keep and hand in their homework in a durable plastic folder.

**Sport**

Sport is held on Friday mornings at 10am in Terms 1 & 2 and at 2pm in Terms 3 & 4. Children will be involved in a varied sporting program that aims to improve fitness, increase fundamental skill levels, encourage team spirit and to ensure students have fun! Stage 3 will also participate in dance and fitness activities at various times throughout the week.