Welcome to Term 2.

**What we expect the students to learn in Year 1 in ICT:**

This term, the year 1 students will learn about Cyber Safety and how to recognise Cyber Bullying. They will learn how to access and navigate the Internet by taking part in educational online activities and games. They will further enhance their word processing skills by learning how to copy, cut and paste text. Furthermore, they will learn how to name their files appropriately.

**What we expect the students to learn in Year 2 in ICT:**

The year 2 students will be learning how to name their files and how to locate and retrieve them from the school server. They will also be using spreadsheets through the Microsoft Excel program to enter data and colour code the cells. They will also use spreadsheets to learn about grid references and create their own bar graphs and analyse data.

**What we expect the students to learn in Years 3 & 4 in ICT:**

In Term 2, the years 3 & 4 students will learn about Cyber Safe practices and how to identify Cyber Bullying. They will examine the features of a web page and learn to judge a website to determine if the information it contains is reliable. The students will understand the purpose of a search engine and experience using some of the kid-friendly search engines available on the Internet to locate information on their given topic. They will be looking at the elements of creating a PowerPoint presentation and will be given the opportunity to work co-operatively with a partner to create a slideshow on their unit of study for the term, Energy & Motion. Finally they will use a Rubric to judge their completed information product.
What we expect the students to learn in Years 5 & 6 in ICT:

This term, the years 5 & 6 students will be revising the computer operations of naming and saving their file to the server and backing up their work on their USB flash drive. They will learn about the structure of the URL and identifying keywords to perform a search on the Internet. They will be using kid-friendly search engines and will be able to determine if the information found in websites is current and reliable. They will use design tools to show the layout of their information product before they actually produce it. They will also learn about the regulations of copying music in Australia. Finally they will learn about the elements that make for a professional presentation and how to insert an audio file into their slideshow.

This term students have identified a goal they would like to work on in ICT and have recorded it in their ICT Portfolio which you will be receiving with your student’s report mid year. A number of students have specified that they would like to improve their touch-typing skills. As we do not have sufficient time in the ICT weekly lesson to do regular drill and practice of keyboard skills, I suggest the students do this at home in their own time. There are various websites they can go to if they search for touch typing practice on Google or one website I can recommend is the BBC dancemat typing:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/

If you have any queries / suggestions about ICT please see Mrs. Polini at school. I am available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Otherwise you may contact me via my email address.

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