Dear Parents, Guardians and Families,

What is the focus of our Multimedia program?

In line with our mission and vision statement, the aim of our Multimedia program is to engage students in authentic learning experiences that will empower them to be changemakers in our community. The use of digital technologies is simply a vehicle for students to communicate their thoughts, ideas and opinions. Our primary focus is equipping students with the critical thinking skills to generate ideas, organise their thoughts, express themselves and communicate their ideas clearly and articulately and in a variety of ways.

We are very excited to be introducing Multimedia to our specialist program for Grade 5/6 students. It’s a new path, extending on the work of our ICT program in previous years, which we hope will equip students with the knowledge and confidence to use technology to have a social impact. This newsletter is your guide to our Multimedia program for 2015.

What is Multimedia?

In general terms, multimedia is the use of more than one medium of expression or communication. In the world of technology, multimedia involves the use of a variety of programs and tools to communicate a message in creative ways. These tools and programs can include text, graphics, drawings, still and moving images (video), animation and audio/sound. Multimedia applications engage students and provide valuable learning opportunities.

“It allows students to function as designers, using tools for analysing the world, accessing and interpreting information, organising their personal knowledge, and representing what they know to others.”

How will the Multimedia program work?

The Multimedia program will work as a year-long investigation into ideas, communication and the ways in which students can create change in their community. In term 1, grade 5 and 6 students will explore a topic that they are passionate about and think about the social impacts and issues surrounding these passions. Throughout the year, they will build on their topic and discover new ways to send a powerful social message about their passion, engage change and educate others using multimedia as a catalyst.
The focus of term 1 will be building the students’ skills in developing and expanding ideas, deep and critical thinking, researching and communicating ideas. We will be using the following online programs to assist us with our learning and discoveries:

**Evernote** – a wonderful program that helps us organise our ideas, thoughts and research.

[https://evernote.com/](https://evernote.com/)

**Popplet** – a visual brainstorming and mindmapping tool that encourages students to expand on their ideas and enables them to capture facts, thoughts and images while learning to create connections between them.


**Powtoon** – a program that helps students communicate their ideas through animated videos and presentations.

[http://www.powtoon.com](http://www.powtoon.com)

Later in the year, students will use their research and ideas to develop documentaries, speeches and actions to send their positive social message and create change in our community.

We will learn and investigate together and trust that this will be an exciting new journey into deep thinking and becoming changemakers.

If you have any questions about the Multimedia program, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Warm Regards,
Francine Sculli

**Multimedia classes days and times:**

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