

VICTORIA AVENUE SCHOOL Enrichment & Extension Programmes Term 2 - 2010

At Victoria Avenue School class programmes are differentiated to ensure that teaching and learning experiences are tailored to meet the needs of individuals. This is facilitated in a number of ways such as:

- ability grouping of students
- cross grouping in numeracy in Years 3-6
- class enrichment programmes for all students such as thinking skills and inquiry learning

This term we are once again offering a range of specialised enrichment and extension programmes to meet the needs of students identified with special abilities. Selection of students is based on a range of criteria. Teachers consider students who show exceptional achievement in standardised tests and a range of class tasks, as well as students who demonstrate creativity, and task commitment.

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Literacy Groups

This term Miss Laxon is taking some groups of students in Years 5 and 6 for literacy extension. These students will be discussing, and analysing a range of texts as well as developing and applying information skills in a range of contexts. Miss Laxon will also be working with a group of Year 2 students once a week.

Numeracy Programmes

Cross grouping of students from Years 3-6 continues to allow opportunities for extension and acceleration in Mathematics. Groupings have been based on current testing and are reviewed each term. Miss Laxon will work with a group of Year 2 students once a week. A group of Year 6 students are participating in the Otago University Problem Challenge. This is a problem solving competition aimed primarily at students in Years 7 and 8 but is considered suitable for Year 6 students who demonstrate exceptional ability.

The Arts

Miss Edgar is going to take a Visual Arts group involving selected students from Years 1 and 2. It is intended that these students will develop their skills when using a variety of media.

Science

This term a group of students in Years 5 and 6 will attend the Fonterra Science Roadshow. This is an interactive show that aims to generate enjoyment and enthusiasm for science and technology and increase students' knowledge and skills in a range of science related topics.

Additional Programmes (Term Two):

- Choir
- Peer Mediator training for Year Six Mediators
- Leadership Training for School Council - Young Leaders Day (6 May)
- Zone Gymnastics (11 June)
- Interschool sports exchanges