English: “Speaking Out!”
We live in a world where we communicate with others all the time and in many different ways. This term the students will learn the more formal method of communication known as debating. There will be many opportunities for them to communicate their ideas on a wide range of topics before forming teams and participating in their first formal debate.

Science: “Change Detectives”
Through this unit, the students will have the opportunity to explore melting, evaporating, dissolving, burning and chemical reactions. Students’ understanding of the factors that influence the rate of change will be developed through hands-on activities and student-planned investigations. They will become detectives who identify and explain physical and chemical changes in everyday materials.

History: ‘Ancient Rome’
In this depth study, the students will use sources to analyse the characteristics of society and daily life in ancient Rome. They will investigate the following questions:

- Why are where did ancient Rome develop?
- What emerged as the defining characteristics of ancient Rome?

Geography: ‘Exploring Australia’s Connections with Asia’
During this unit, the students will consider exactly what Australia’s global connections between people and places are, and how we are becoming increasingly connected. Our relationship with Asia will be a particular focus. The students will collect and analyse data from a variety of sources and present their findings as a research report.

In other news...
Dance Fever makes a return every Thursday, and this term will see the first of our sports ‘Gala Days’ for the year! Our ‘Social Skills’ HPE unit will be an ideal preparation for these activities and the beginning of the transition to high school.

There will be an increased focus on problem solving in mathematics this term.

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