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As the new school year begins, an important focus for educators and their students is to build an inclusive learning community. The library provides a wonderful hub of resources that support inquiry-based learning, social justice, learner agency and an environment that is safe for children to read, inquire, wonder, question, discuss and develop their knowledge and understanding.

Students will visit the library on a scheduled basis with their class once a week. During Week 1A classes will become familiar with the layout of the library and understand how the library plays a role in their learning. No library bags needed this week.

From Week 2B, students will borrow books to take home in their IPS Book Bag. It is important that students return their borrowed books during the following library session. No books will be borrowed without an IPS book bag. A replacement fee related to the value of the book will be charged for any lost or damaged books. During September, new students will receive user codes to access Epic Books and in October Scholastic Book Orders will be available.

Library Lessons will focus on:

Igniting a love of reading

Promoting healthy habits of using books and the organization of books

Unlocking imagination and creativity

Developing essential literacy skills and accessing a range of media and fiction and non-fiction texts

Making connections with Units of Inquiry

Establishing links with the UN Global Goals and Sustainable Development Goals

Addressing our students' safeguarding and wellbeing through Learning for Life lessons.

A year-long stand-alone Media/Library ManageBac Planner will be created for each year level to cover library systems, book studies and ATL skills.

Integration with each unit of inquiry will also be a focus and appropriate library lessons will be added to Year Level ManageBac Planners under a subsection Media Studies by Joan Philp. Teachers are warmly invited to request library support in teaching lessons

N - Y4 students are to be accompanied to the library and fetched by a staff member.

Y5 students may enter quietly through the resource room and Y6 through the main entrance.

Explore the OWL icon on your iPad if searching for a particular book.

We are delighted to embrace our roles in the library, igniting imagination and inspiring and empowering learners to be critical thinkers, confident communicators and global citizens.

"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life."

Sidney Sheldon