**ART**

The Year 5/6 students have started the term learning about Zentangling. This is an abstract but organized patterning technique which is used to decorate drawings in a fun and relaxed way. The Year 5/6s are currently creating their own monochrome spider web and they are looking amazing! They are also learning how to mount and frame these ready for display. We will also be creating a special photographic Graduation artwork for the Year 6 students using a similar technique while the Year 5s will also use their patterning skills to create a personalized design of their own. This term we will also build skills in painting, printing and drawing to create a stained glass effect on paper, create a poppy for the Remembrance Day Assembly display, and some fun festive holiday pieces to complete the year.

**MUSIC**

The Year 5s and 6s will be learning lots of new vocal skills this term. We have a set of singing folders with familiar current songs that we will be singing together. The children have been given the opportunity to make appropriate suggestions for songs to keep building the folders and I look forward to receiving their suggestions. We will be preparing a song for the Year 6 Graduation Night and a number of songs for the Christmas Concert complete with choreography and percussion parts! In line with a big focus on performance skills and singing, we will also be exploring the concepts of beat and rhythm and how to turn what you hear into written music. These aural and notational skills will stand them in great stead when they reach Secondary School and will provide them with a solid understanding of the basic concepts of music by the time they get there. Beat and rhythm are lots of fun to explore and experiment with and I know that the children will enjoy using their skills to compose and perform their own music pieces this term.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

This term the 5/6’s will participate in a variety of sports and will work on consolidating their fundamental motor skills and applying these skills to game situations. Students will also continue to develop their coordination through dance and fitness sessions. The 5/6 students need to bring their hats, water bottles and wear their runners on Tuesdays. Interschool sport is on Fridays with students participating in rounders, Danish rounders, cricket and tee ball. The dates are as follows:

Round 1 Friday 14 Oct HOME 9 – 11am
Round 2 Friday 21 Oct BYE
Round 3 Friday 4 Nov AWAY Burwood East 9 – 11am
Round 4 Friday 11 Nov AWAY Highvale 1.30 – 3.10pm
Round 5 Friday 18 Nov BYE
Round 6 Friday 25 Nov HOME Burwood East 9 – 11am

We would love to have parent helpers for each team, please see your class teacher!

**JAPANESE**

こんにちは。In Japanese class, students continues to learn to be a fluent Japanese speaker this term. Students use iPads to introduce Hiragana and words to make into iMovie projects.