

Year 5/6 News

July 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first edition of Year 5/ 6 news, designed to help keep you informed about what is happening in your child's classroom.

Below is an overview of what we are covering this term.

LITERACY:

Students will be focussing on a variety of comprehension strategies this term such as summarising, paraphrasing and analysing. They will participate in small guided reading groups with the teacher, focussing on the skills of prediction, questioning, clarifying meaning and summarising. This term the students will be writing a variety of genres and linking this knowledge with our inquiry topics. Students will be focussing on speaking using longer, more complex sentences and incorporating more sophisticated language into their everyday speech.

NUMERACY:

In Term Three, students will compare fractions with related denominators and locate and represent them on a number line. They will solve problems involving addition and subtraction of fractions with the same or related denominators. Students will work to make connections between equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. Students will interpret and compare a range of data displays. On Fridays students will be involved in collaborative group investigations on a range of topics involving applied mathematics such as measuring, 2D & 3D shapes.

INQUIRY: The Golden Age

In History this term, students will investigate how the discovery of gold contributed to the development of Victoria. Students will explore what life was like on the goldfields and the impact of the Eureka Stockade.

Excursion: To support students learning, students will travel to **Sovereign Hill, Ballarat** to participate in their education program. Students will be leaving school at 8:30am and return at 5:30pm to make the most out of the experience. Children received notes the last week of Term 2 outlining the day.

Homework

Homework is distributed to students each Monday. Every student should be reading each night for at least 20 mins and it is expected that the Year 5/6 students will be practising their multiplication facts each night. Homework Club runs every Monday night. Children can get a permission form from the office to attend.

YEAR 5/6 Camp: Weekaway

Year 5/6 camp is scheduled for Monday 4th - Wednesday 6th December. The approximate cost of the camp will be \$280. A variety of payment options can be set up at the office. Students will be participating in a wide range of activities such as canoeing, flying fox, hut building, rope courses and night time activities. More details to come later in the term.

Life Ed Van

This week, students will attend 90 minute sessions in the Life Ed Van focusing on improving students' decision-making skills by looking at choices, consequences, responsibility, facts, information, and influences. Peer influence, cyber safety, and cyber ethics are themes used to explore decision making.

Book Week -Week beginning Monday 14th August

During Book Week, Year 5/6 children will participate in a cartooning workshop with comic book author and illustrator Tony Sowersby. In his workshop, students are shown how to develop characters using basic shapes and how to portray movement, emotions and funny situations.

Transition

The Year 5/6 students have been invited to watch the Sunbury Downs production of *Beauty and the Beast* on Wednesday 2nd August. Student will walk over to the college to watch the performance. (There is no cost involved for students.)

Salesian College – applications close for 2019 enrolment Friday 25th August (Current year 5 Students)

Summer Sports

In Term 3, during 5/6 Sport, students will be training for the Summer Sports to be held on Friday 1st September. Students will be competing in the following sports: basketball, volleyball, cricket and softball,

At the end of Term 2, students competed in the Winter Sports. Congratulations to the boys Soccer team and mixed Football team on successful outcomes. The boys' soccer team will be participating at the next level. We wish them all the best.

Year 6 Buddy Program / Grade 5 Kinder Transition program / Breakfast Program

The year 6's are enjoying furthering their relationships with their prep buddies and this program will continue this term. The year 5's have enjoyed their visits to the local kindergartens and Sharon will let us know next term if the visits are to continue. Year 5 children who volunteered for the Breakfast Program are reminded that Breakfast Club runs every Tuesday and Thursday morning before school.

Art

Senior school students will be taking part in a free metro incursion on September 13th. The session will introduce students to the role of Authorised Officers, and reinforce key safety messages related to the yellow line, level crossings and the safety zone. During art lessons, students will look at the artwork of Jeffrey Smart, who created several pieces of artwork related to trains in Victoria. This artwork and the Metro incursion will provide inspiration for students in creating their own work, and encourage them to think about the varieties of purposes for which artwork can be intended.

With Sunbury Show happening early in term four, we will be preparing artwork related to our 'Wonderful World' theme. In addition to this and in line with the classroom focus on 'gold', students will be looking at famous artwork relating to life on the goldfields.

Science

'Chemical Sciences' is the focus for term 3 in Science. The 5/6 students will learn more about solids, liquids and gases and how each of these elements can be changed through cold and heat. There will be plenty of experiments and students will learn how to identify a solid, liquid and gas based on its properties. 'Viscosity' will be a key word in 5/6 Science, so encourage your child to start investigating now!

Science Week is 7th- 11th August and will feature lots of exciting activities and competitions for all students to participate in. The theme this year is 'Future Earth'.

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

In order for your child to be a successful learner, Year 5/6 students need to be having at least 8 hours sleep, with all screens and devices switched off at least an hour before bed. Drink water, eat a balanced diet and ensure they are arriving to school on time. School starts at 8:50am and all students need to be punctual. Mr Wanyama and Mr O'Keefe are available to provide leadership and support for students with social and emotional needs.

If you have any further question, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Thanks

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