

GRADE 5/6 TERM 4 NEWS

Dear Families,

The 5/6 students have settled back into work quickly after the term holiday. What a hectic term we have ahead of us!

Curriculum

This term we are completing the Geography unit, 'Where in the world is.....?' We will be learning about the location of the major countries of Europe in relation to Australia and their major characteristics. In English, we will be extending our comprehension strategies to make connections and predictions using the information from the text. In Mathematics, we will continue our focus on solving simple problems involving the four operations using a range of strategies. Student will estimate angles, and use protractors and digital technology to construct and measure angles. In Health, students will be participating in our 'Growing Up' program

Parent Information Night: 16th October 6pm - 5/6 area

All parents/ guardians are invited to attend a special information night regarding our upcoming 'Growing Up' program. It will outline the content of the program and be an opportunity for parents to ask any questions. We will also take the opportunity to discuss our camp to Weekaway in December.

Rugby Gala Day: 26th October

Selected students will be participating in the upcoming Rugby Gala Day at Langama Park. The day will consist of a skills session then a round robin competition. Successful teams will then go onto the next level.

Excursion to the Shrine of Remembrance 31st October

To commemorate the centenary of the Battle of Beersheba on 31 October 1917, and the legend of the Australian Light Horse, students will be participating in a **free** excursion to the Shrine of Remembrance on Tuesday 31st October. Students will also have the opportunity to explore and learn about the significance of the Shrine.

Spring Carnival: Friday 10th November (Fete)

The school community is very excited about the forthcoming Spring Carnival. In the coming weeks each grade will decide what stall / event they will run at the Carnival. Your child's teacher will be sending a note home suggesting ways in which families can support or donate towards their child's activity.

YEAR 5/6 Camp: Weekaway:

Year 5/6 camp is scheduled for Monday 4th - Wednesday 6th December.

The final payment for camp is Friday 3rd November. Students will be participating in a wide range of activities such as canoeing, flying fox, hut building, rope courses and night time activities. Information regarding camp will be presented at the ***Parent Information Night on Monday 16th October.***

Transition: 12th December

Tuesday 12th December is State Wide Transition day. Students in Grade 6 who will be attending public secondary schools will spend the day at their new high school. Students in Grade 5 will have the opportunity to spend the day in a Grade 6 class.

School Concert: Friday 15th December

Later this term, the year 5 students will start preparing for the end of year concert. Students will be singing songs from movies, songs from around the world and songs through the decades. Be prepared to be AMAZED!

Grade 6 Graduation: Wednesday 20th December

It's amazing how quickly the year is coming to an end! The Grade 6 Graduation will take place on Wednesday 20th December at Sunbury Bowling Club. Students will arrive at 5pm to enjoy dinner with teachers and their peers, before getting their groove on and dancing at the disco.

The formal part of the evening will start at 7pm.

All parents/ family members are invited to attend the ceremony.

Mrs Payton, Mrs Adams and Miss Koller will provide more information for Grade 6 students later this term.

Specialist Areas

Grade 5/6 Science

'Physical Sciences' is the focus for term 4 in Science. The 5/6 students will explore this area of science through light. What materials does light pass through? How does a periscope work? How does water effect light? All questions that the students will attempt to investigate, along with many more in term 4 Science.

Key vocabulary to learn for term 4 science: reflect, absorb, refract, transparent, translucent, opaque

Grade 5/6 Art

Following on from their excursion to the Ian Potter Gallery, Grade 5 students will further their understandings about the artwork of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. They will also compare this to artwork from other regions in the world.

Grade 6 students will visit the gallery on Monday October 23rd and will also be preparing artwork for graduation.

Grade 5/6 PE

During term 4 in PE, students will be participating in team sports. They will be working towards developing various strategies during games, in order to better perform. Students will also be learning the rules to various team sports and fair play through umpiring. During 5/6 sport students will be partaking in a rugby clinic.

Term 4 Italian

Students will be involved in Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing activities associated with the unit 'My Family, My School'. They will be learning vocabulary related to family members and school items.

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

Thanks

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