

5/6 News 2018

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. It has been a really busy start to the year and we have been getting to know one another and settling into our classroom routines.

Meet and Greet

Next Tuesday 20th February is our '**Meet and Greet**' night. Interviews will begin at 1:30pm and conclude at 7:30pm. Teachers would like to meet with families to discuss how we can best assist your child's learning.

Curriculum

In Inquiry this term, we will be focusing on the unit 'Australia as a Nation.' We will investigate how Australia is governed, the arguments for and against Federation and Australia's system of voting. Many of our reading and writing activities will also focus on 'Australia as a Nation.' In English we will be learning to make predictions and connections and infer the meaning of text. In Mathematics, our main focus will be on place value, addition and subtraction. On Friday morning's students will be involved in collaborative group investigations on a range of topics involving applied mathematics such as measuring, 2D & 3D shapes and statistics and probability.

Homework

Homework will be given weekly. It will be given out each Monday and due back on Friday. This term, homework will consist of **Personal Reading** (remember to read for at least 20 minutes each night) recording books read in you diary. **Spelling:** children are expected to learn 5 new words each week and complete **one task for Literacy** and **one task for Mathematics** from the homework overview. Children are encouraged to take pride in their presentation and develop independent organisational skills.

Student Leadership

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in achieving roles in leadership for 2018

School Captains: Lana, Kim, Declan, Aidan

House Captains: Elliott – Kyle, Keirlee, Laver- Tate, Zoe, Bradman- Nicholas, Gracie, Fraser- Mitch, Ruby

Junior School Council: Evan, Adam, JayJay, Kyana, Christian, Olivia, Kris, Oliver.

House Spirit Launch Day

Friday 23rd February is House Spirit Launch Day. The House Spirit initiative promotes acceptance, student voice, inclusiveness, team spirit, contribution, pride, creativity, participation, responsibility, community awareness and school connectedness. The student leadership will play a role in organising House events and activities for all community members. Students are encouraged to wear their House t-shirt each Friday for 5/6 sport.

Music

This term the Year 5/6 students will have the opportunity to learn the 'Ukulele.' Once a fortnight, students will have the opportunity to learn new songs and learn how to play the ukulele.



2018 Camp Program

As numbers are bigger in the 5/6 cohort this year, the students in Grade 5 and Grade 6 will attend separate camps.

Grade 5: City Doxa Camp 5th – 7th September

Grade 6: Shipwreck Tour (Warrnambool) 16th – 19th October.

Information sessions prior to the camps will be held later in the year.

Term 1 Specialists

Art:

Grades 5 and 6 students have been introduced to the range of Winter Olympic sports and have been busy making models of athletes performing a sport. Later in the term, they will be looking at artwork associated with the Commonwealth Games. Grade 6 students have set up their art journals which they will be using for planning and reflecting on their learning. Both year levels will be exploring links between art and architecture.

Jenny Caddaye

PE:

Throughout term one, students will learn and develop the basic motor skills required for athletics. These include; shotput, discus, long jump, triple jump, high jump, 100m and 800m. They will be given the chance to demonstrate these skills at the school athletics carnival, which is to be held on the 7th of March. On the 28th of February students will also

participate in the school swimming carnival where the emphasis is on having fun and offers a wide range of events for all abilities. On Fridays they will participate in 5/6 sport and will be involved in a 4 week rugby clinic.

Ashlee Barnes

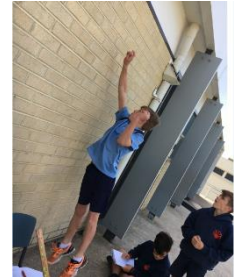
Science:

In Science this term the Grade 5 and 6 students will be using their detective skills to explore chemical and physical changes in the world around us. They will look at what makes a 'fair' science experiment, as they explore how particles are constantly moving and reacting with one another. This will be done through a variety of exciting and hands on experiments such as melting, dissolving and evaporating. *Related vocabulary and concepts that we will learn:* chemical and physical changes, substances, reaction, fair testing.

Erica Andersen 3-6 Science

Term 1 Dates

February	
Tues 13 th	Whole School – Pancake Day
Fri 16 th	G3-4 – Life Skills Program begins
Tues 20 th	G1-6 – Meet and Greet Evening
Wed 21 st	Prep – Family BBQ
Thurs 22 nd	G3-6 – District Twilight Swimming (select students)
Fri 23 rd	Whole School – House Spirit Launch Day / BBQ Lunch
Tues 27 th	Foundation – Western Water Incursion
Fri 23 rd	Whole School – Casual Clothes Day
Wed 28 th	G3-6 – House Swimming Sports
March	
5 th – 8 th	Whole School – School Dental (Phase 1)
Mon 5 th	G3-6 – Divisional Swimming (select students)
Wed 7 th	G3-6 – SHPS Athletics
Fri 9 th	Whole School – Curriculum Day
Mon 12 th	Whole School – Labour Day Holiday
Tues 13 th	School Council Meeting
Thurs 15 th	G3-6 – District Athletics (select students)
Thurs 29 th	Whole School – End of Term (Early Dismissal 2.30pm) – Casual Clothes Day



We look forward to working with you and your child/children.
5/6 Team,
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Jenny Adams