

Year 5/6 NEWSLETTER

Welcome

Term 1, 2023

Introducing Our Classes/Staff

5/6 A – Mrs Mandy Marks
5/6 B - Mr Tom Collins
5/6 C – Mrs Jodie Naismith
5/6 D – Mrs Jessica Andrews
5/6 E - Mrs Anna Davis

Welcome back to all our families.

Our Year 5/6 students are settling in and have made a positive start to their learning in 2023, and as school leaders in the Upper School. The 5/6 Team also welcomes four new teachers to the team who bring new experiences and ideas.

Important Upcoming 5/6 Dates

February 15 – Meet and Greet
February 21 - Swimming Carnival
March 6 – Curriculum Day
March 9 - Athletics Carnival
March 15 – Year 5 NAPLAN begins
March 21 – School photos
March 27 - Doxa Year 6 Camp
April 13 - Guest Speaker- Incurion

Homework

We ask that students spend 30-40 minutes per day reading and revising their spelling words. Words will come home in Week 5. Occasionally the teacher may set an additional task related to their class' learning.



A Sun Smart, wide-brimmed blue hat is required this term.

Everyday...

we ask that your child brings their drink bottle and Home Reading Pouch (with their diary and books they are currently reading) to school.

Term 1 Classroom Learning

Our Inquiry Learning this term is entitled "Making Democracy." Our students will deepen their understandings about the meaning of democracy and how this looks at a local, state and federal level and how laws are passed.

In Mathematics students will revise and extend their counting, place value, time and temperature knowledge, skills and understandings.

In English we will focus on drafting powerful narratives and persuasive texts that consider the audience and purpose whilst working through the writing process. They will also have opportunities to have greater choice in our Free Write sessions. As readers we will focus on selecting the right texts and building our reading stamina as we explore different text types.

In the second half of this term all our classes will learn about the changes, joys and challenges that puberty brings. Classroom teachers will facilitate this in their own classroom, with their usual class teacher. Students will learn more about the physical, social and emotional changes and also about the importance of hygiene, exercise and a healthy diet.

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Buddies

Our Year 5s will begin their 'buddies' partnership with our new Foundation students. This will continue weekly this term and we know how excited the Year 5s are to be big buddies. During this time, our Year 6s come together, completing tasks that relate to their leadership roles and year level.

Uniform – We ask that our students attend school in full SHPS uniform each day. The SHPS policy is available to view on our website, which includes expectations around excessive jewelry, make up and natural colored hair.

Specialist Subjects

Arts- Students will be studying Performing Arts which includes Music, Drama and Dance. They will learn why music is important in films, they will learn about, write, rehearse and perform a short scene in the dramatic style of Melodrama, have a go at writing and performing a short rap using their name as inspiration and learn some great dance moves.

P.E -This term we have a lot of exciting activities to come, including the Swimming Carnival and Athletics Day. We will begin with refining our athletics techniques. We will then have a coach visit to teach us the amazing game of Ultimate Frisbee, every Wednesday for 4 weeks.

Italian- Students will be introduced to the Italian language, it's location and learn about some Italian traditions and celebrations. They will know how to greet others, use manners and state a feeling.

STEAM- Students will investigate properties and principals of air pressure. They will research and investigate the causes and effects of changing air pressure. They'll also test hypotheses, draw conclusions and make evaluations.

Student Leadership

Congratulations to our student leaders that were elected at the end of 2022. We know you will continue to proudly represent our school and be the wonderful ambassadors you have been.

School Captains:

Eddy Ulil, Freya Cucanic, Maddison Russell and Janani Prabhu.

House Captains:

Annabelle Fugowski, Logan Chestnut, Margaret Rout, Ruby Rowbottom-Thorneycroft, Mason Coles, Aiden Willoughby, Amelia Turner & Charlotte Hedges.

Junior School President:

Charlotte Barre-Whitford

Indigenous Leader:

Izzy-Bella Ross

And congrats to our recently appointed Bin Crew and Class Captains.

We are only a Dojo message or phone call away and we want to work with you in supporting your child. So please contact your child's class teacher if we can support you or answer any questions you may have.

Thank you

5/6 Team