

Year 5 & 6: Term 2. 2018 Newsletter

April 2018

Welcome:

Another busy term ahead of us.

NAPLAN for Year 5's is in Week 5 Beginning Monday 14th May 2018.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday are the testing days.

Literacy:

We aim to further the skills of clear, concise communication and thoughtful reading.

We see these as essential tools in students ability to develop, structure and express critical and creative thinking.

Reading:

During this term we will be continuing our novel studies. Foci being comprehension, whole group and small group reading clinics. Novel studies, Literacy Comprehension, Kids News <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/kids-news/news>

Writing

Our writing this term will again focus on their spelling, punctuation & grammar.

Persuasive writing will be our main genre, progressing the students towards debating.

They will be continuing the Seven Steps Program, using Planning for Success, Sizzling Starts, Tightening Tensions, Show don't Tell, Dynamic Dialogue, Ban the Boring and Exciting Endings.

Students will be continuing with the spelling program, SMART Spelling. Their words will be in the Spelling Classroom each week. We will discuss/deconstruct on Mondays and tested on Fridays.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Technology. STEAM

This term the students have been working on a STEAM project that complements their infographic on Civics & Citizenship. Canberra being the focus. There will be a sharing of learning (TBA) later in the term

Maths

In term two a large component of our teaching will be focused on

Number:

The four processes

Fractions

Decimals

Measurement & Geometry

Time

Angles

Transformation

Number skills form the backbone of the maths curriculum.

A child who has near instant recall of multiplication tables will be confident in undertaking all the challenges that the maths curriculum will present. Supporting your child as they consolidate competency with times tables gives them a powerful tool and is key to their success of how they view themselves as mathematicians.

Religion

Children will explore and expand their understanding of Pentecost and their relationship to God, family and fostering friendships.
Preparation for Confirmation will commence

Our MJR/SWPBS programs will run through most of what we teach and will be an important component.

The introduction of Resilience, Rights & Respectful Relationships in the classroom focus' on the students positive strengths, emotions & problem solving.

The Year 6's will be visiting the elderly patrons who gather at the community centre for craft activities each week. They will visit in groups of eight alternatively.

Our assemblies will be a class presentation of a paraliturgy.

Specialists

Our specialist classes will continue to be on a Wednesday, beginning at 9am.

Bu Watts who will take our Indonesian language through art classes. Ms. Murray will be teaching Environmental Science.

Sport uniform will be required on Wednesdays for PE with Mr Mutimer, and Fridays for Year 5 & 6 for senior sport. The sport for this term is football and netball.

Homework

Homework will be their spelling words, which will be gone through on a Monday morning, and any work that was not completed in class time.

The maths work in the Y5 & 6 Maths google classroom is aligned with our maths clinics.

We view reading and times-tables as being fundamental to quality learning in both literacy and maths, and ask that students read nightly and practice their times-tables regularly. This will help them to consolidate their comprehension and mental computation skills.

Thank you in for your continued support and assistance in making your child's year as successful as possible.

Year 5/6 Teachers

Gai Cooke, Michael Brooks.

Important Dates.

Assemblies will be every second Friday at 2.45pm. Wk. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

Friday April 20th	Whole School Mass 9.15am Year 6. Shrine of Remembrance, Legacy.
Tuesday April 24th	Celebration of Learning 3.30 - 5.30pm
Friday April 27th	Senior Sport.
Wednesday 2nd May	Bayside Community Centre
Friday May 4th	Whole school mass 9.15am Senior Sport
Friday May 11th	Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30am Whole school Mother's Day mass 9.15pm Senior Sport
Friday May 18th	SSV Cross Country 8am Senior Sport
Sunday May 20th	Bush Dance 5pm
Thursday May 24th	Nazareth Feast Day 9am
Friday June 1st	Whole school Mass 9.15am Senior Sport
Wednesday June 13th	Confirmation Parent Night 7pm
Sunday June 17th	5 & 6 Commitment Mass 9am
Wednesday June 20th	Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 1pm
Thursday June 21st	Netball Lightning Premiership
Friday June 22nd	Football Lightning Premiership
Friday June 29th	End of Term 1pm

The calendar is subject to change.