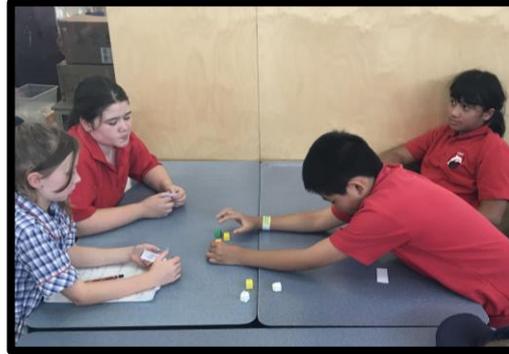


5/6 Newsletter

Term 1 2019



Welcome...

Important Dates

Years 3-6 Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 13th February

Year 6 T-shirt Orders Close
Wednesday 13th February

Years 3-6 Parent Info Night
Wednesday 6th March 6-7pm

Labour Day Holiday
Monday 11th March

Last day of Term 1
Friday 5th April
2:30 Dismissal

We would like to welcome all of our returning and new families to the 5/6 area! We have had a terrific start to the term. The students have embraced our new classroom setup and we love having the team together in one learning space. We are excited about the new learning experiences we will facilitate this year, and together with our students, we will create a flexible learning space that enables all students to work in an environment that suits their learning style.

It is important in the first few weeks of school to develop positive working relationships for the students and the teachers. As well as settling into our daily routines, we incorporate team-building activities to help foster cooperation, positive attitudes and persistence. We have loved getting to know everyone in these early days and look forward to helping each of our students achieve their full potential.

Homework Expectations:

At this early stage, your child is now expected to begin their nightly reading. Your child is required to read at least 4 times a week for 30 minutes. We ask that parents please sign their child's diary each night (preferably) or at least once in the week. It is so important to help your child set up a weekly homework regime so they start the year organised. Teachers check diaries every Monday and if your child's diary is not completed and signed they will need to stay in for half of one lunchtime to catch up on their reading.

Once we have settled into our reading requirements we will also be introducing Mathletics into our weekly homework. We will notify you when this will begin with the expectations for this weekly task.

In the 5/6 area we run Homework Club 4 mornings a week. On a Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the Dolphin Centre doors will be open from 8:30am. This is a great opportunity for your child to keep up with or get extra assistance for any of the homework requirements. We also understand that sometimes the internet is not available at home or your child may participate in extracurricular activities that make completing homework at night challenging. This is where Homework Club can be utilised to ensure your child is keeping up with the expectations.

5/6 Snapshot

Science "Circuit Breakers"	Our focus this term is based on the Physical Science of Energy. We will be investigating how energy from a variety of sources can be used to generate electricity, how electric circuits enable this energy to be transferred to another place and then how this can be transformed into another form of energy.
Humanities "Energy for the Future"	Our focus this term links directly with our Science focus. We will be using an inquiry approach to investigate different energy sources and compare how they can be used now and in the future for a more sustainable world. Soon students will begin their first project of the year based on 'designing and building a machine' powered by a source of energy.
Focus Writing & Reading	We will be focusing on Narrative and Persuasive texts this term, including analysing the structure, vocabulary choices and writing styles within these text types. We will continue to develop our skills in comprehension and learn how to apply different reading strategies to help in our understandings of the text.
Numeracy	This term we will be revising a number of concepts including Place Value, Addition/Subtraction, Multiplication/Division, Time, Measurement, Area/Perimeter/Volume, Data and the 4 Operations. Please ensure your child is practising their times tables each week to aid in automatic recall.
Maths Investigation "Saving the World through Science"	Students will be working in collaborative groups to solve a global issue from a mathematical and budgeting perspective.

Year 6 T-Shirt Orders

Year 6 t-shirts are being ordered on **Wednesday 13th February** for our current Year 6 students. If you have not paid by this date, your child will miss out on having a t-shirt ordered as we cannot put late orders through. Payments can be made in the office or by sending them through to the classroom teachers.

Thank you to those who have forwarded their payment already.

Uniform Reminder...

As the leaders of the school, it is essential the students be in correct uniform as role models for the rest of the school. Please ensure your child is coming each day in correct uniform, including correct coloured hair accessories and please name any jumpers.

If your child's hat has not come back to school ready for Term 1 please do so ASAP as this term is a Sun Smart term.

Have a great term everyone!



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