

5 /6 Newsletter

Term 1 2020

Important Dates

Senior Information Night
Wednesday 19th February
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Year 6 T-Shirt Orders Close
DUE TODAY
Friday 7th February

Labour Day Holiday
Monday 9th March
(Student Free Day)

Last Day of Term 1
Friday 27th March

CERES Incursion
Thursday 23rd April

We would acknowledge the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first inhabitants of the nation and the traditional custodians of the lands where we live, learn and work.

Welcome!

We would like to welcome all our new and returning families to the 5/6 area for 2020! We have already had an amazing start to the term working collaboratively across the level to settle into the learning space. We always like to start the year with a focus on building positive relationships through team building and initiative activities to develop cooperation, positive attitudes, resilience and persistence. It has been wonderful connecting with everyone after the holiday break and discussing how we can best support our students to reach their full potential and have a successful year!

Homework Expectations

It's important to develop good habits early, and students are 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 during the week. It is crucial that you help your child set up their weekly homework routine so they have an organised start to the year! We will be checking diaries each Monday. 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. As we settle into the reading expectations, Mathletics will also become part of our homework requirements, however, we will advise you when this is available.

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.

Information Evening

We will be hosting an Information Session for our parents and carers on Wednesday 19th of February from 6:00pm until 7:00pm. This evening is designed to share all the exciting learning and events that happen throughout the year, as well as discuss expectations of our students as school leaders and give you a chance to ask general questions about life in the senior school. It may also be a great opportunity to meet other families within our cohort! If you wish to have any further discussions about your child's specific or individual needs, please speak to their homegroup teacher or call the school office to organise an appropriate time to meet.

5/6 Snapshot!

Science "Disaster Zone"	This unit is closely linked to our Humanities unit on Natural Disasters, and will have students investigating the science behind how natural disasters occur in the environment!
Humanities "Natural Disasters"	We will be exploring the human response to Natural Disasters around the world. Students will also work on exciting project at home which will culminate in an 5/6 Expo early in Term 2!
 Indigenous Connection	Connecting to both our Humanities and Science units, students will investigate the way in which Indigenous practices promote environmental harmony and minimise the impact of natural disasters.
Reading & Writing	We will be focusing on Narratives throughout this term, analysing the structure, vocabulary and writing styles within this text type. We will continue to develop our skills in comprehension and learn how to apply different reading strategies to build our skills and understandings.
Numeracy	This term we will be revising a number of concepts including Place Value, Money, the Four Operations and Number Patterns. Please ensure your child is practising their times tables each week to aid in automatic recall.
Math Mastery	Students will revise Mathematical language and work through a number of problem solving strategies, applying these to Worded Problems that are linked to their weekly Numeracy topic.

Year 6 T-Shirt Orders

Year 6 t-shirts are being ordered on **Wednesday 12th 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.

School Diaries!

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased their 2020 Diaries! We would like to remind you that these are a requirement for our 5/6 students who use them for daily organisation, goals and reminders. If you have not yet purchased one, they are currently available in our school office for \$7.00.

Looking forward to the wonderful year ahead!

From the 5/6 Team -
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