

5/6 Term 1 Newsletter

Important Dates Term 1:

Dream Big Celebration

Tuesday 16th, March
(details to be advised)

District Swimming

Monday 22nd, February

School Photo Day

Thursday 25th, March

Last Day of Term 1

Thursday 1st April
@2.30pm

Compass

Like last year, all notices, activity permissions and payments will be sent out using Compass.

Please ensure that you are checking it regularly so you are kept up to date.

If you need a new password or have forgotten your login details, please contact the office.

Welcome to 2021 at TPS!

We hope you have had a relaxing and fun filled holiday and are now ready to get back into the swing of all things school! As always, this term is going to be jam packed with new and exciting learning opportunities and of course, lots of fun!

If you have any questions you are welcome to come and see us or contact teachers using the following emails:

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Term 1 Curriculum

This term will be filled with interesting and engaging learning experiences across all areas of the curriculum. Lessons and activities are tailored to student need, providing support and extension options to ensure the learning needs of all students are met.

Literacy—During reading sessions we will be utilising Reciprocal Reading, which enables students to predict, clarify, question and summarise the texts they are reading. This ensures students use a wide range of reading strategies to develop their understanding of all kinds of texts. In Writing, we will continue implementing VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation) and Big Write. After enhancing their writing skills, students combine them to create interesting, exciting and creative writing pieces in a variety of styles. Please remember to have 'Big Talks' at home when the time rolls around as this has a huge effect on your child's ability to transfer ideas onto the page.

Maths—Students will have regular sessions to enable them to revise learned skills and develop new ones. Working independently and in groups during these sessions will enable students to experiment with ideas and learn from their peers. This term we plan to focus on place value, the four processes, time, estimation, rounding, surveys and tallies and graphs.

Inquiry— During Term 1, years 1 to 6 will again be participating Dream Big. This is an opportunity for all students to work in mixed aged groups to learn a new skill. This will begin in week 3 (Tuesday 9th) and run for the duration of the term. Students have been told what activity they will be participating in for the Term.



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Wellbeing

Throughout the term we will be investigating our individual character strengths and discovering what this means to each of us. We will also be introducing a new program called 'Friendology', which empowers students to identify healthy friendships and problem solve independently.

Interschool Sports

Interschool Sport will run as a weekly session on Friday mornings, where we will compete against other schools, starting in week 3! We were able to get into our teams and practise last week. If you are able to help out with any of the sports and haven't already let us know, please contact your child's classroom teacher or Simon Datson.

Cyber Safety and Mobile Phones

We expect all students to exhibit exemplary online behaviour both in and out of school. At school, students use digital devices and technology every day and are learning about the appropriate use of digital devices and technology. It would be a shame if we could not trust our students on these devices. We understand that some students require mobile phones for travelling to and from school. It is DET policy that students keep their phones in a locked cupboard with their teacher. They need to be switched off and handed to the level teachers upon arrival at school and collected at the end of the day.

Google Apps

As part of the 5/6 program, students are provided with school based Google accounts. This includes access to individual email and Drive accounts which are to be used for school purposes only. Students will be taught appropriate use and expected to follow strict guidelines.

Homework

It is expected that students read for at least 20 minutes 5 nights a week. This needs to be documented in their diary. Homework will be due every second Thursday (even weeks). This will include a variety of activities including reading, spelling, maths and wellbeing.

Level 5/6 Team

Jess, Linda,
Lauren & Tim

