

5/6 Term 2 Newsletter



Welcome Back!

We hope you have had a happy holiday, soaking up the last of the warmer weather. A quick reminder that if you have any questions you are welcome to come and see us or contact teachers using the following emails:

5/6 A Linda Drew –

linda.drew@education.vic.gov.au

5/6 B Jessica Sprague—

jessica.sprague@education.vic.gov.au

5/6 C Tim Hemsworth—

tim.hemsworth@education.vic.gov.au

5/6 D Lauren Heywood—

lauren.heywood@education.vic.gov.au

Term 2 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 learning abilities 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, equivalent fractions, decimals, the four operations, the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages, special numbers, 2D and 3D objects, location and mapping and angles.

Inquiry—This term's school wide topic is *RESILIENCE*. Throughout the term students will be investigating natural disasters, what causes them and the way people/environments react and become resilient in tough times. Students will complete a personal inquiry project based on a natural disaster they have chosen to investigate further.

Important Dates Term 2:

Monday 26th, April

ANZAC Ceremony @
Flag Pole – 10:30am

Tuesday 4th, May

Mother's Day Stall

Tuesday 4th, May

House Cross Country

**Tuesday 11th – 13th,
May**

NAPLAN Week

Friday 14th, May

Winter Interschool
Sports begins

**Tuesday 8th – 11th,
June**

Life Education week

Friday 25th, June

Last Day of Term 2

Monday 12th, July

First Day of Term 3

5/6 Term 2 Newsletter



Wellbeing

This term, we started listening to Season 2 of the Grow Your Mind podcast. Some of the topics the students will learn about are empathy, gender, resilience, climate change, grief and joy. The podcast is made for kids by kids, making it age-appropriate and relevant. We will also be continuing with Friendology, a program which empowers students to become their own best advocate in social situations and further develop positive social skills. Finally, we will be covering the topic of emotional literacy as part of Respectful Relationships. Another busy but important term of wellbeing!

Interschool Sports

Interschool Sport will be on again, this time playing a range of winter sports. We will be competing against other schools every Friday afternoon 1:00 till 3:00 starting in Week 4! Thank for all of the support from parents so far, if there is anyone else willing and able to lend a hand during our new time slot let Simon Datson or your child's class teacher know.

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.

Camp

Even though camp isn't until Term 3, we thought it best to give you the inside scoop of what we will be doing. As you already know, we are going to the city this year, staying at CYC city camp. During the 3 days we are on camp, students will get to see many of Melbourne's iconic landmarks and experience the 'city life' for themselves. Experiences include the MCG and National Sports Museum, Eureka Skydeck, Old Melbourne Gaol, Victoria Market, and the State Library. Camp is not only a great chance to experience all these new and exciting things, but also an opportunity to develop organisation skills and spend time with a range of their peers and teachers. We hope everyone can make it!

Homework

Homework will start up again on Monday. We have rejigged the process for this Term and the new expectations are as follows:

Homework will go home on a Monday and will be due Thursday of the following week.

It will include 20 minutes of reading each night, a maths activity, a wellbeing activity and inquiry as required.

Level 5/6 Team - Jess, Linda, Lauren & Tim