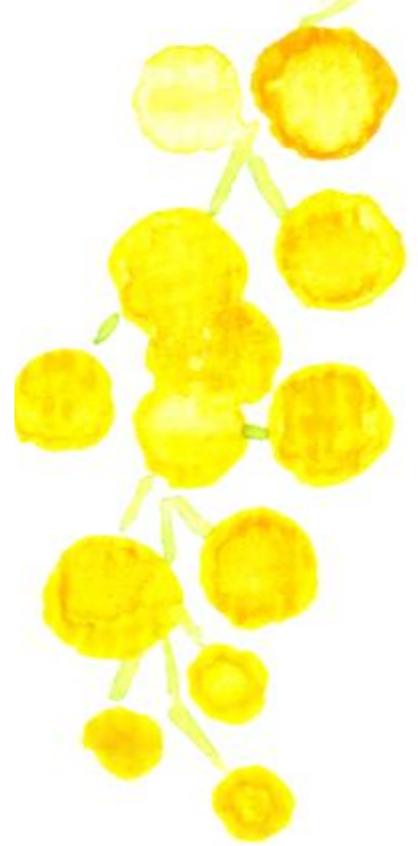


5/6 Term 4 Newsletter



Welcome Back!

What another crazy year we have had so far. We are so excited to have everyone back in the classroom soon!

If you have any questions you are welcome to contact teachers using the following emails:

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Important Dates Term 4:

TERM 4

As we all know, every day is a busy day in 5/6. It is therefore important for students to attend school every day to ensure they don't miss any of the new and exciting learning experiences. All lessons are differentiated to suit the needs of students in the class as we continue to help students love learning! This term will be spent focussing on wellbeing and supporting the students in their learning.

When students return onsite, it's required that they wear a mask while inside. They must also dress according to the weather as classroom windows and doors will be open. A good tip is to name their mask and keep a spare one in their school bag.

Literacy— We will be utilising a mixture of Guided Reading, Reciprocal Reading, whole class and small group activities, to enable students to develop a complete comprehension of the texts they read. This ensures students use a wide range of reading strategies to develop their understanding of various text types. In Writing, we will continue to implement VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation) with a focus on text types. Please remember to have 'Big Talks' at home when the time rolls around to have Big Writes.

Maths—Students will have regular sessions to enable them to practise 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. Teachers are working on identifying gaps in student knowledge and creating interesting and engaging lessons to support all students at their point of need. This term we plan to focus on the 4 operations with fractions and decimals, probability, patterns and sequences, time and mapping.

Inquiry— This term our inquiry Unit is called 'It's Alive!' It has a science focus and students will be asked to investigate an organism. They will be using a variety of cross-curricular skills throughout the inquiry process and will be guided by the use of a rubric to set the learning expectations.

Cup Day Public
Holiday

2nd November

All Students Onsite

5th November

State Wide Transition
(pending restrictions)

7th December

Curriculum Day

8th December

Year 6 Graduation

14th December

Reports Go Home

16th December

Last day of Term 17th
December @1.30pm

Wellbeing

This term's main focus will be settling back into school, re-establishing relationships with peers and teachers and a general reflection on the challenges and successes of this year. Another big part of Wellbeing during Term 4 is transition. The Year 6s will hopefully still be able to attend an onsite transition session at their new secondary school, while the Year 5s will participate in TPS's regular school transition program. Transition is a very tricky time for some students. It is important that the process is spoken about in a positive manner at home to help ease student worries.

SPORT

At this stage, we are limited by restrictions, however House Athletics is still booked for 1st of December and we have everything crossed in the hope that this will go ahead.

SPORT UNIFORM TO BE RETURNED

Unfortunately Interschool Sport is over for the year. This means we need your uniforms returned so we can store them for use in 2022. Please make sure they are washed and dried before returning it to one of the House Captains.

GRADUATION

Graduation is coming up quickly, and this year it could potentially look very different to our original plans. Rest assured we will ensure that the Year 6s are able to celebrate in some way, shape, or form in a COVID safe way ☺

ONLINE SAFETY

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. Please check in with your child about their use of technology.

We understand that some students require mobile phones for travelling to and from school. It is a state wide policy that students do not keep their phones in their bags. They need to be switched off and handed to classroom teachers upon arrival at school and can be collected at the end of the day. Phones will be stored in the 5/6 teachers office.

COMPASS

Remember that all notices, activity permissions and payments are being sent out using Compass.

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

THANK YOU

Finally we would like to say thank you to all the parents, guardians, friends and families that did such an amazing job during remote learning.

You were flexible, persistent, organised and made the most of an unprecedented situation.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Level 5/6 Team

Jess, Linda, Lauren & Tim

