



TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

Glen Iris Primary
School

GRADE 5/6 TERM 2
2018

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2!

We hope that you enjoyed the school holidays and had a happy Easter!

Term One Highlights

We had a fantastic first term getting to know each other and settling into our classroom routines. We learnt about the impact of natural disasters through our classroom activities and a visit to IMAX and the Melbourne Museum. We had a particular focus on the four operations at school and as a part of our homework tasks. We also spent time learning how to write an explanation.

What's Coming UP In Term Two

Reading - Comprehension strategies, depth of understanding through Literature Circle roles

Writing - Free choice writing, expositions and biographies

Numeracy - Fractions (equivalent, addition/subtraction), area, perimeter, interpreting data

Integrated Studies

This term our topic is 'Democracy' with a focus on the events leading up to Federation and the features of our Parliamentary system. Students will have the opportunity to form their own 'political parties' to run a class 'Self-Governing Day'.

A FEW REMINDERS:

iPads:

Students need to be taking their iPads home on occasions when they need to be charged to ensure they are ready to use in the classroom. We use our iPads every day so it is important that they are brought to school to ensure students have access to all planned classroom activities.

Resilience Project

All 5/6 classes are continuing to develop their resilience with a focus on gratitude, mindfulness and empathy. We are completing 'Daily Check-Ins' to monitor our gratitude and emotions. We will also be participating in weekly resilience lessons and experimenting with different strategies to help us become more mindful. We strongly encourage families to have conversations about these concepts at home.

Diaries:

We encourage students to be using their school diaries on a daily basis to record reminders, school events and their nightly reading. We ask that parents sign off on any reading they have seen happen at home at least once a week. Teachers check these diaries every Monday.

Important Dates

- 1/5 House Cross Country
- 3/5 Mother's Day Stall
- 4/5 Mother's Day Breakfast
- 15/5 NAPLAN
- 16/5 NAPLAN
- 17/5 NAPLAN
- 25/5 Parliament Excursion 5/6H & K
- 1/6 Parliament Excursion 5/6L & M
- 6/6 Curriculum Day
- 11/6 Queen's Birthday
- 20/6 Resilience Project Parent Evening
- 29/6 - Last Day of Term

Weekly Tasks

- Monday - Diaries due
- Monday - Homework tasks due
- Wednesday - Literature Circle roles due

Camp Anglesea:

Grade 5/6 students will be attending a five-day camp at Camp Anglesea YMCA from Monday 16th July—Friday 20th July. We will be seeking volunteers to attend camp in a few weeks time. Lots of information will be sent home regarding camp this term so stay tuned!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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