

# Year 5/6 2018

## INTERESTING INTEGRATED UNITS:

Term 1: *Natural Disasters (Science/Geography), Excursion – IMAX*

Term 2: *Democracy (History), Excursion – Parliament House and Old Melbourne Gaol*

Term 3: *Economics*

Term 4: *Choices (Health)*

## INTERSCHOOL SPORT:

Summer Sports Term 1: Kanga Cricket, Tennis, Tee-Ball, Newcomb and Volleystars

Winter Sports Term 2: Soccer, Football, Netball and Softball

Year 5 students get the opportunity to participate in either one Summer or one Winter sport.

Year 6 students get the opportunity to participate in one Summer and one Winter sport.

*Other sporting opportunities – Hooptime (Basketball), Netball, T20 Cricket, Athletics, Cross Country and Swimming.*

## CLASSROOM TEACHERS

5/6H – Shanae Hill

5/6L – Amy Kopciewicz (Lauritz)

5/6K – Kyle Hosking

5/6M – Rachael McGrath

## SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Art – Nikki Szwarcbard

Sport – Nathan Gilliland

Performing Arts – Kate van der Jagt

French—Laurence Barre

## ENRICHMENT and SUPPORT

Throughout the year, we are offering additional curriculum opportunities such as Tournament of Minds, Student2Student, Maths Olympiad and Maths Challenge, EMM (Elementary Math Mastery) and School based Enrichment including the Inspiration Cluster with Solway and Ashburton Primary Schools.

## WELLBEING

We have finished our LAUNCH program that has enabled the teachers and students in each class to get to know each other and the routines and expectations for the year. We are about to start Year 6/Prep Buddies as well as Kinder Buddies (Year 5 students). We will be continuing our work on resilience by focusing on gratitude, mindfulness and empathy, including our daily check-ins in our school diaries. Our school values of Respect, Empathy, Honesty, Resilience and Gratitude are incorporated into all areas of our curriculum.

# Camp Anglesea

Monday 16th July – Friday 20th August  
(Week 1, Term 3)

More information and requests for parent volunteers to occur in Term 2.

## Communication

### DIARIES:

We encourage all Grade 5/6 students to use their diaries regularly. Students should be writing in when homework, Lit. Circles and projects are due in as well as important dates. We also require the students to write in the title of the book they are reading each day along with page numbers read. We ask that parents sign the diary weekly (preferably at the end of the week) so that we know there is strong communication between home and school.

### PARENT REPS:

Each class will have a Parent Rep who will soon distribute class lists and phone numbers. Most communication from Parent Reps will come via email. There will be times throughout the year where teachers will ask their Rep to request parent help for different events including excursions. We always appreciate any help parents can provide.

### ABSENCES AND ABSENCE NOTES:

Please write a note/email to your child's teacher to inform them of any future absences (ie. Family holidays, appointments, etc). These absences must also be logged on Compass, including the reason for the absence.

### COMPASS:

Please check regularly for updated information and dates.

## Homework and Literature Circles

Homework is handed out weekly on Wednesday and is due in the following Monday. It is uploaded and accessible on Edmodo. At times throughout the year, students may be required to complete a task via Edmodo or using their school iPad.

Homework Club is on a Tuesday for students who require extra time to complete set tasks.

Literature Circle novels will be introduced throughout this term. Beginning in Term Two, students will read a section of their novel at home and complete their role as part of their homework each week.

## important dates

# 2018

- 13th February – Information Night
- 20th February – Meet the Teacher Interviews
- '23rd February – Evening on the Green' Welcome Picnic
- 26th February – IMAX Excursion
- 2nd March – Assembly SALT Badge Presentations (Grade 6s)
- 9th March – Curriculum Day (No students)
- 12th March – Labour Day
- 19th March – School Photos
- 29th March – Final day of Term 1 (2:30 finish)
- 16th April – Term 2 commences
- 25th April – ANZAC Day
- 15th, 16th, 17th May – NAPLAN (Grade 5s)
- 11th June – Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 29th June – Final Day of Term 2 (2:30 dismissal)
- 16th July – Term 3 commences
- 16th July – 20th July – Grade 5/6 Camp
- 10th September – Concert Rehearsal Day
- 11th September – School Concert
- 21st September – Final day of Term 3 (2:30 dismissal)
- 8th October – Term 4 commences
- 6th November – Melbourne Cup Holiday
- TBC – MSAC (Grade 5s and 6s)
- TBC – Grade 6 Graduation
- TBC – Cuckoo Lunch (Grade 6s)
- 21st December – Final day of Term 4 (1:30pm dismissal)

Looking forward to an exciting year!

The Grade 5/6 Team