

# Year 5/6 2019

## INTEGRATED UNITS:

Term 1: Lost in Space (Science); Incursion – Starlab

Term 2: Gold Rush (History); Excursion – Sovereign Hill

Term 3: G'Day Neighbour (Geography) – Asia

Term 4: Inventors and Inventions (Design & Technology); Excursion – ACMI

## INTERSCHOOL SPORT:

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

5/6G – Meg Gerring

5/6K – Kyle Hosking

5/6M – Rachael McGrath

## SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Art – Michele Freeland

Sport – Nathan Gilliland

Performing Arts – Amy Lauritz

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 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. Our school values of Respect, Empathy, Honesty, Resilience and Gratitude are incorporated into all areas of our curriculum.

# Communication

## DIARIES:

We encourage all Grade 5/6 students to use their diaries regularly. Students should be recording 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 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 events (e.g. excursions). We always appreciate any help parents can provide.

## ABSENCES:

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, consent forms and dates.

## Camp Coonawarra

Monday 29th July - Friday 2nd August  
(Week 3, Term 3)

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

# important dates 2019

- 11th February - Information Night
- 18th February - Curriculum Day (No students)
- 19th February - Meet the Teacher Interviews
- 25th February - Starlab Incursion
- 1st March - 'Evening on the Green' Welcome Picnic
- 11th March - Labour Day
- 2nd April - The GIPS Classic
- 3rd April - School Photos
- 5th April - Final day of Term 1 (2:30 finish)
- 23rd April - Term 2 commences
- 25th April - ANZAC Day
- 30th April - House Cross Country
- 14th, 15th, 16th May - NAPLAN (Grade 5s)
- 29th May - Sovereign Hill Excursion
- 7th June - Curriculum Day
- 10th June - Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 28th June - Final Day of Term 2 (2:30 dismissal)
- 15th July - Term 3 commences
- 29th July - 2nd August - Grade 5/6 Camp
- 20th September - Final day of Term 3 (2:30 dismissal)
- 7th October - Term 4 commences
- 4th November - Curriculum Day
- 5th November - Melbourne Cup Day
- TBC - MSAC (Grade 5s and 6s)
- TBC - Grade 6 Graduation
- TBC - Cuckoo Lunch (Grade 6s)
- 20th December - Final day of Term 4 (1:30pm dismissal)

## Homework and Literature Circles

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

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

Looking forward to a great year! The 5/6 Team 😊