



Year Five/Six

Term 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to school, I hope you had a restful break. I'm thrilled to be having all of the 5/6 students back for lots of fun in Term Four. Listed below is important information for the term. Please feel free to arrange a time to discuss any queries you may have with me.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Please ensure your child is coming to school in full school uniform including having hair tied up (if it's long enough), no jewellery or nail polish. The Year 5/6 class is setting the standard for the school and by ensuring we are consistent with uniform it demonstrates our respect, responsibility and aiming for excellence. Please ensure school uniforms are labelled clearly with your child's name so if they are misplaced they can be returned easily. Last term we introduced bringing a fork/spoon for lunch orders to reduce our environmental impact through single use plastic utensils. If you order a lunch order which requires cutlery please ensure you pack utensils from home to support this.

GRADUATION PHOTO

It's such an exciting time for our Year 6 students as they enter their last term at Primary School. Each year there is a Graduation photo and currently there is uncertainty around the photographers being allowed on-site in time, so Miss Pickering will be on stand-by if need be to take a photo of the group. Please stay tuned for dates with the photos to ensure correct uniform and that the students look amazing!

WRAPPER FREE WEDNESDAY

This term we will continue our Wrapper Free Wednesdays to reduce the waste created by our school community. Thanks to the families that are engaging in creating (often very creatively) wrapper free lunches for their children. To ensure all reusable containers are returned to you please ensure you label them clearly.

READING NIGHTS/MATHS NIGHTS/DIARIES

Encouraging your child to complete reading and maths nights at home is a way of fostering and valuing their learning in these areas. Reading at home is an important part of your child's learning. As your children continue to increase their independence with reading another way to support this important home/school partnership is to initiate a short discussion about the text, eg, asking your child to summarise what happened in the book or chapter or ask about a character.

Maths Nights is a way to incorporate and enjoy maths in everyday life. These can be basic daily activities eg. cooking-measuring quantities (1 cup of flour), telling the time, discussion shapes of objects in the pantry, etc. Another option is to use Mathletics, as there are often set tasks and it reinforces basic concepts and students enjoy the program.

It is an expectation that students bring their diary on a daily basis to build their responsibility and to allow communication between home and school. Thanks to the parents who are already utilising the diaries to inform the school of appointments and absences.

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school in the morning to inform us and on your child's return, please provide a written explanation of the absence to the classroom teacher. We are aiming for excellence with our attendance this term!

FRUIT AND WATER

Each day your child will be given two short breaks to have a piece of fruit/vegetable. Please provide your child with a piece of fruit every day. We encourage all students to bring a water bottle to school each day to avoid interrupting learning time to get a drink.

FACE MASKS and HATS

Please ensure students have their face masks and hats at school each day. It has been pleasing to see some students already aware of having both of these at school this term. Please check that your child has their name on their hats, it makes it much easier to find or return when this is done.

CURRICULUM

Reading - Students will be learning about the text structures and features of Poems (linked to our writing genre). Through these text types we will be learning about visualising, predicting, clarifying, questioning, summarising and thinking aloud.

Writing - This term students are continuing to utilise writer's notebooks, creating their seeds and exploring the different text types, their features and graphic organisers that assist in the planning of writing particular genres. We will be looking at Recounts and Poetry and publishing a special piece of writing.

Numeracy - Students are going to be further developing their time, shape, place value, addition/subtraction, division/multiplication, measurement and probability skills this term.

Inquiry - At the beginning of term we are focusing on Start Right with an emphasis on establishing our learning culture, revising our values and creating a positive classroom climate. Then we are learning about the topic of 'Bizarre Bazaar' with a focus on gaining a real-life understanding of the design and production process when creating a brand new product.

I'm looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

Kind regards,

Keely Bubb