



Year Five/Six

Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to school, I hope you had a restful break. All children have made a positive start to the school year and I'm thrilled to be a part of their learning journey in 2022.

Listed below is important information for the term. Please feel free to arrange a time to discuss any queries you may have with me.

SPECIALISTS DAYS

Tuesday	PE
Wednesday	Art
Thursday (odd weeks-starting Wk 3)	Marc Van
Friday (odd weeks-starting Wk 3)	Indonesian

READING NIGHTS/MATHS NIGHTS

Reading at home is an important part of your child's learning. Please spend 10 minutes listening to your child read their books, or if your child is a fluent reader perhaps engage in a discussion about the text. You can listen as your child summarises what they have read or ask them about a character or if they are enjoying the text and why. Students are encouraged to read books from school (we have an amazing Library and Marc Van has a wide variety of novels) but I also understand they may be reading books they love from home and appreciate the importance of this.

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, discussing shapes of objects in the pantry, etc or quick maths concepts like Skip Counting or practising Times Tables.

Math Nights - recorded as one night (even if a variety of activities are completed), and acknowledged for every 25 nights of maths completed.

Reading Nights - recorded as one night (even if several books are read), and acknowledged for every 25 nights of reading completed.

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. 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 year, starting now!

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 from the bubble taps.

CURRICULUM

Reading - Students will be learning about the text structures and features of Autobiographies and Narrative Thrillers (linked to our writing genres). Through these text types we will be learning about making connections (text, self and world), synthesising, clarifying, questioning and making inferences.

Writing - This term students are establishing their Writer's Notebooks, creating a Writer's Heart and treasuring their seeds and memories. We will be looking at Recounts, Autobiographies and Narrative Thrillers linked with our Reading.

Numeracy - This term students will be further developing their understanding of place value, and their knowledge and skills associated with addition/subtraction and division/multiplication concepts.

Inquiry - At the beginning of term we are focusing on Starting Right with an emphasis on establishing our learning culture, revising our values and creating a positive classroom climate. We will then learn about the topic of 'Ethics and Emotions'.

DIARIES

Each Friday we will be writing important dates and upcoming events in our diaries, which will help inform the students about the week ahead and encourage them to be responsible. Diaries are checked on a daily basis and are a fantastic way for you to communicate with the school if you are unable to make a time to see us. Thanks to the parents who are already utilising the diaries to inform the school of appointments and absences. The log in details for Athletics will be stuck in the back of the diaries.

Writer's Notebook

This year we are using Writer's Notebooks as a tool to develop and assist our writing during the year by creating lists, seeds for ideas and a place for students' to develop their skills as writers. Writer's Notebooks will be individualised with each student being able to decorate their book with stickers, photos and pictures that are significant or special to them. Over the next two weeks I am encouraging students to bring in any stickers, photos, pictures that they would like to be on the cover of their Writer's Notebook.

IMPORTANT ITEMS

Please ensure your child brings a mask to school each day, as students in Year 5/6 are mandated to wear these whilst indoors. Congratulations to those students who are being responsible and bringing and wearing theirs without being reminded.

I'm looking forward to an exciting year teaching your children

Kind regards,

Alissa Cavanagh