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### Yr. 5/6 Newsletter – Term 3 2018

Dear Yr. 5 and 6 Parents & Carers,

In this Grade 5/6 newsletter, we intend to provide a summary of the Term Three happenings, details of upcoming events and an overview of what the students will be learning.

Below are the dates of many upcoming events:

**Wed July 18<sup>th</sup>- Project Rokit Incursion-** This workshop introduces the opportunities and challenges of the online world with a real understanding of current social networking sites and online youth culture. Whilst the online world is a realm of endless possibility, we aim to highlight the challenges that come with this, including the rapid spread of information, miscommunications and (cyber)bullying.

These sessions present a range of in-touch, realistic strategies for students in dealing with (cyber)bullying and creating positive connections online. We also facilitate empathy for targets of cyberbullying through fun and safe communication challenges and real life stories.

**Wed July 25<sup>th</sup>-** 5/6J and D Robotics Incursion for Science Week

**Thurs July 26<sup>th</sup>-** 5/6L and M Robotics Incursion for Science Week

**Wed Aug 15<sup>th</sup>-** Visit to Emmanuel College. This year, our 5/6 students have participated in many STEM (Science, technology, engineering and mathematics) lessons in which they inquired in to designing and creating different objects. At our school, we are limited in the amount of science resources we have so this visit will give our students the opportunity to use the greater supply of equipment at Emmanuel College's science lab.

**Mon Aug 20<sup>th</sup>-** Pupil Free Day

**Mon Sept 17<sup>th</sup>-** Bio Cats Excursion. Gr 6's only, Gr 5's will be attend the Bio Labs excursion in Term 4.

**Wed Sept 19<sup>th</sup>-** School Production

#### **5/6 Blog**

The web address for our 5/6 blog is: <http://201856s.global2.vic.edu.au>

The blog contains photos of the activities students have been participating in at school as well as their written reflections.

#### **Literacy**

##### **Daily Reading Hour:**

We will continue to model, discuss and practise reading strategies by reading aloud to students, reading together with students, reading in small groups through reciprocal teaching, guided reading, student/ teacher conferences and reading independently.

Areas we will study in Term 3 are:

- Inferring/ context clues
- Author's craft
- Show don't tell
- Analysing news reports
- The structure of a bill
- Metalanguage- how to develop an opinion.

### **Daily Writing Hour:**

We will continue to model, discuss and practise writing a range of text types.

Our focus this term is on:

- Revising narratives in preparation for Literary Lights.
- Speech writing
- Writing bills
- News reports

Students will be engaged in the writing process by planning, drafting, editing, revising and publishing their stories.

### **Word Investigation:**

Each week, we will continue to focus on investigating a spelling/sound pattern or other language conventions.

### **Daily Mathematics Hour:**

We will continue to model, discuss and practise mathematics skills and understandings and a range of strategies for solving mathematical questions. The following areas will be studied this term:

- Financial Maths
- Angles
- Chance and probability

We encourage you to assist your child in practicing their times tables at home as well as at school. Students should also be given opportunities to read both analogue and digital time.

### **Inquiry**

Our big question for the term is:

**How is a country run?**

UNDERSTANDINGS
1. Australia is governed under a system of democracy.
2. Australia has different levels of government with different roles and responsibilities.
3. Laws are developed and enforced by the government.
4. Governments act on behalf of the people in a democracy.

### **Positive Behaviours**

Students will continue to be encouraged to engage in responsible, respectful, compassionate, resilient behaviours and become critical thinkers.

### **Homework**

Students will continue to bring home a homework grid each fortnight (Monday). Students are expected to work on specific tasks each night including 30mins of reading. All homework must be completed and returned to school each fortnight. (Friday will be the nominated due date).

### **Health**

Students will continue to participate in Health lessons in Term 3, focusing on positive mindsets, gender equality and resilience.

### **Reminders**

#### Tissues

It would be fantastic if each family could purchase a box of tissues and bring them to school to be used in the classroom.