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### Yr. 5/6 Newsletter – Term 3 2017

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:

Mon July 31<sup>st</sup> – ICAS English test

Mon July 31<sup>st</sup> – 5/6B and L excursion to the Food Bank Yarraville.

Tues Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – 5/6J and M excursion to the Food Bank Yarraville.

Wed Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> – Australian Maths Competition.

Mon Aug 14<sup>th</sup> - Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Aug- Science Week

Wed Aug 16<sup>th</sup> – Indonesian Cultural Day

Thurs Aug 17<sup>th</sup> – Newport Lakes Science Day

Fri Aug 18<sup>th</sup> – Pupil Free Day

Mon Aug 21<sup>st</sup> – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – Book Week including the Book Fair.

Tues Sept 5<sup>th</sup> – District Athletics

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Wed Sept 13<sup>th</sup> – Family Maths Night 6.30-7.30pm.

Mon Sept 18<sup>th</sup> – Polygot Incursion

Fri Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> – Last day of Term 3.

#### **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.

The reading curriculum will begin focusing on vocabulary development and reading ‘Just Right’ books.

Areas we will study in Term 3 are:

- Author’s purpose- editorials
- Comprehension strategies- visualising, synthesising.
- Reviews
- Fluency- speech
- Structures and features of comparative essays
- Characterisation
- Summarising on a deeper level
- Author study

##### **Daily Writing Hour:**

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

Our focus this term is on:

- Editorials
- Reviews
- Infographics
- Comparative essays- Our class novel will be The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.
- Writer’s Notebook.

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

### **Word Study:**

Each week, we will continue to focus on investigating a spelling/sound pattern or other language conventions. Students will shortly begin to bring home a series of words to be reviewed at home. These words will be selected on a 'needs' basis in small groups to assist your child to build up their phonemic awareness.

New words will be selected each fortnight and they will be reviewed the following week. Please encourage/ assist your child to practise these words. Each fortnight your child will be given the opportunity to define/ review or play games with these words as part of their homework tasks.

### **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:

- Problem Solving
- Fractions, decimals, percentages
- Elapsed Time
- Financial Maths
- Cartesian Planes
- Statistics.

We encourage you to assist your child in practicing their times tables at home as well as at school.

### **Inquiry- Financial Maths/ businesses**

Our big question for the term is:

**How much does it really cost?**

<i>UNDERSTANDINGS</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● We use our conscience and reasoning to make ethical decisions.</li><li>● Consumers need to make choices according to their needs and wants.</li><li>● As a society, we use various resources (natural, human, capital).</li><li>● The consumer's choice has consequences for others and the environment.</li></ul>



### **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).

### **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.

#### Punctuality

Please assist your child to be at school by 8:50am. Late arrivals are disruptive and interfere with valuable learning time. Students can bring their bags into the school corridors and place their bags into a designated bag storage space/hook. Students will then be encouraged to leave the buildings and wait outside until the music plays.