

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LEVEL 5/6 TERM 1 2019

Welcome to Level 5 and 6!

It is very exciting for students at this level, due to the many opportunities to become involved in a range of activities and responsibilities. Students have now settled into their grades, ready for a challenging year ahead.

This year the Level 5/6 teachers are Ms Faye Natoli, Ms Lisa O'Connor, Mr Ryan Evans with Mrs Natalie Bellis, Ms Meg Hubbard, Mrs April Warfield with Mrs Jackie Moran.

If you have any concerns during the year, please contact your child's classroom teacher. It is always a good idea to address any concerns early.

Events coming up this term are:

Mon Feb 18 – District Swimming Carnival

Tues Feb 19 – Twilight Family Picnic

Wed Feb 20 – Pupil Free Day

Tues Mar 5 – School Photos

Fri Mar 8, 15, 22 & 29 - SEDA cricket clinics

Mon Mar 11 - Labour Day Holiday

Tues Mar 26 – House Cross Country Day

Fri Apr 5 - Last day of Term 1

Administration

All notes and money need to be returned to the class teacher in a sealed, named envelope. Please encourage your child to be responsible for this task. Explanation of absences are required for any length of time your child is away from school and can be entered in the Sentral Parent Portal. Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled.

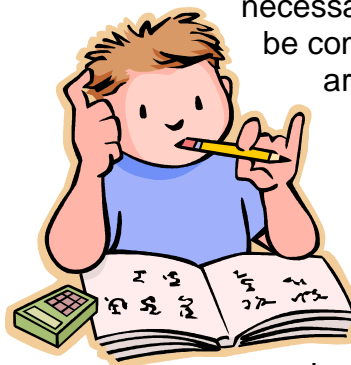
Each child is responsible for his/her own belongings and needs to be encouraged to look after them. It would be appreciated if each student could bring a box of tissues for their classroom.

Transition

At Level 6, parents need to decide which secondary school will be the most suitable for their child. It is highly recommended that you visit numerous schools to help you make an informed decision. Secondary schools have open evenings and conduct school tours which you are welcome to attend.

Information will be given out to students in Level 6 regarding the transition process. Level 5 parents are also encouraged to visit schools this year to widen their outlook and understanding of their options.

Homework may comprise a range of tasks. It is important for each student's learning and organisational skills to complete these regular set tasks and return work to school. Homework tasks are planned by teachers to supplement learning. At times, your assistance and guidance with tasks may be necessary. Preferably, tasks should be completed in a quiet, cleared area, away from distractions.



iPads and Cyber Safety

The iPad Program in Levels 5/6 is up and running. Students are well rehearsed in the safe and secure handling and storage of their device. It is essential for all students to have a common understanding of the iPad agreement, as well as cyber safety and cyber bullying awareness. Conversations and mini lessons will continue to take place throughout the year to ensure the awareness of

appropriate use of technology and the internet. Please talk with your child about what they are doing on the internet and how they can be safe. Discuss with them what makes a safe website and what information is ok to share with others online, to support activities in class.

Reading

Level 5/6 students have been part of the whole school implementation of Reading Workshops. Reading Workshops involve mini lessons focussing on reading strategies and expectations and independent reading of own choice books. Students conference with the classroom teacher to discuss progress and select appropriate reading goals. Group activities that focus on extending reading skills and understandings are also implemented. This whole school approach is proving to be vital to the development of student's reading.

Please continue to encourage your child to borrow from our school library and support regular reading at home.



Mathematics

The Australian Curriculum is followed in the planning and teaching of Mathematics. The three strands consist of Number and Algebra, Geometry and Measurement, Statistics and Probability. Learning activities include problem solving and open ended tasks. For the NAPLAN test in May, Level 5 students will practise questions to increase children's confidence and understandings. The

Mathletics website is an excellent resource to be used at home for number skills. All students will be given a password and are encouraged to explore and use this resource regularly.

Integrated Studies

Term 1 began with our comprehensive two week Start Up program where students built upon relationships, worked co-operatively with their peers and discuss expectations for the school year.

In Level 5/6, students are encouraged to become more aware of the world around them and begin to take notice of interesting events and issues. Their knowledge can be extended by reading newspapers, watching informative TV shows, including the news, followed by discussions at home.

Camp

The Level 6 camp will be held from June 3rd to June 7th at The Summit Camp, Trafalgar. Notices and more information will be sent home soon.

<https://www.thesummit.net.au/>

LEVEL 5/6 TEAM

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