

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LEVEL 5 and 6 TERM 1 2018

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 teachers are Ms Carol Wilson and Ms Lisa O'Connor. Level 6 teachers are Mrs Kate McLeod with Mr Ryan Evans and Mrs Melissa Dann with Mrs Melissa O'Brien. Mrs Faye Natoli will be working across both Levels.

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. Parent teacher discussions are held early in Term 1. They are a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and prove to be invaluable toward working together to achieve positive learning outcomes.

Events happening this term are:

- Wed Feb 14** - Parent Teacher Interviews
- Thurs Feb 15** – Parent Teacher Interviews
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- Mon Feb 19** – District Swimming Carnival
- Fri Mar 2, 9 and 23**- SEDA cricket clinics
- Mon Mar 12** - Labour Day Holiday
- Thurs Mar 15** – Twilight Sports Family Picnic
- Fri Mar 16** – Pupil Free Day
- Wed Mar 21**- Harmony Day
- Mon Mar 26** – House Cross Country Day
- Thurs Mar 29** - Last day of Term 1

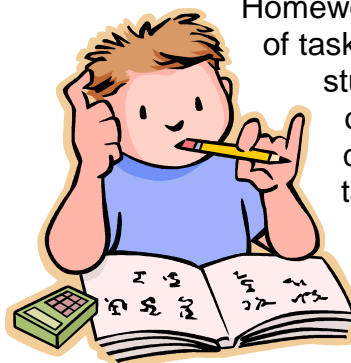
Administration

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. Absent notes are required for any length of time your child is away from school. 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



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 and 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 and 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.

Digital Technology Classes

This year, Level 5 and 6 are taking part in a brand new specialist subject - Digital Technology. As we head into a more digital society, it is highly likely that the jobs that our children will be doing don't even exist yet and many of the jobs we currently undertake will be done by computers and robots. This class aims to open our students' minds to new technologies and their use whilst also being a practical application of skills such as Mathematics and Literacy. The class runs every Tuesday where students will take part in activities including robotics, 3D printing, software creation and use and engineering.

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 their 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.

In addition, students have the opportunity to become involved in the Maths Olympiad competition. This involves 5 papers over term 2 and 3 and is an excellent form of enrichment.

Integrated Studies

The focus of our Integrated Studies for term 1 will be **Harmony Day**.

Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Held every year on 21 March. The Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Camp

Level 6 Camp will be held from June 4th – June 8th at The Summit Camp, Trafalgar. Notices will be sent home soon.

The Level 5 team are investigating the option of an offsite, overnight camp later in the year. Your feedback about this possibility is welcomed.

LEVEL 5 & 6 TEAM

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