



Grade 5/6 Team
Welcome to Term One 2017!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing holiday break! The students are excited to be back and are settling in well. We would like to introduce you to our team: Grade 5A, Mel Kemp, 5B Sam Allardice, 6A Khalad Karim, 6B Christine Forrest and Kerrie Wolf. We would also like to welcome all new students and their families to our school community.

Our Unit of Work this term is 'Growth Mindset/Leaders in the Community'. Students will describe the influence that personal qualities and strengths have on achieving success. They will also undertake some extended tasks independently and describe their progress. Students will also identify and describe personal attributes that are important in developing their resilience as learners.

What we expect the students to learn in Reading:

- *Read texts with fluency and phrasing.*
- *Read critically, asking questions to reflect deep understanding.*
- *Use comprehension strategies to analyse information.*
- *To integrate and link ideas from a variety of sources (Questioning).*
- *Participate in and contribute to text discussions (clarifying ideas, developing and supporting arguments, sharing and evaluating information, experiences and opinions).*
- *Be accountable for their reading goals and provide evidence of working towards achieving this goal during conferencing.*

What we expect the students to learn in Writing:

- *Use a Writer's Notebook as a tool for collecting ideas about themselves and the world around them and build a variety of entries.*
- *See themselves as part of a community of writers who self-evaluate their own writing and make decisions about possible changes based on feedback received from others.*
- *Use a variety of strategies to identify writing intentions and rehearse/plan writing.*
- *Spend an extended amount of time writing authentic texts on a daily basis. Articulate and practise their writing goal as discussed during conferences.*

What we expect the students to learn in Mathematics:

During this term, students will explore the following:

- *Apply efficient strategies to solve real life Mathematical problems.*
- *Develop a deep knowledge of the properties of quadrilaterals.*
- *Recognise, represent and order numbers to at least the hundreds of thousands.*
- *Recognise that the place value system can be extended beyond the hundredths.*
- *Continue and create number patterns, with and without the use of digital technologies, using whole numbers and decimals, eg 1.25, 2.5, 5, ...*
- *Describe how number patterns have been created and how they can be continued.*
- *Choose appropriate units of measurement for length.*
- *Calculate the perimeter of rectangles using familiar metric units.*
- *Solve problems involving the comparison of length using appropriate units.*
- *Compare and convert time using the 12 and 24 hour time systems.*
- *Interpret and use timetables*

Important Dates:

- **Wednesday 22nd of February:** Parent Teacher meetings 1pm – 8pm
- **Monday 13th of March:** Labour Day Holiday (Public Holiday)
- **Tuesday 21st of March:** Harmony Day Celebrations.
- **Friday 31st of March:** Last day of Term. **2.30pm Dismissal. (Casual Dress Day)**

Please note Term 2 will commence on Tuesday 18th of April.

Specialist lessons days:

Other information:

CLASS	ART	PE	MULTIMEDIA	LIBRARY	SCIENCE
5A	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Monday
5B	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Thursday	Monday
6A	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
6B	Thursday	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Tuesday

Homework

Children will receive their homework on a weekly basis and will include a mixture of Reading, Writing, Word study and Maths. Children are expected to read for 20 minutes each night.

Sunsmart

We are encouraging our students to develop Sun-Smart behaviours. This includes:

- Ensuring that they wear hats throughout the year (especially in the warmer months of Term One and Term Four).
- Encouraging the students to place sunscreen on themselves before school at home.
- Encouraging the students to bring along a 30+ roll on sunscreen that they can use to put on themselves during the day.

Absences

- If your child is absent from school, a note explaining the absence is required. Parents can also notify the school through **tiqbiz**.

Valuables

- To avoid any problems please do not send valuable toys or other items to school.
- **Mobile phones** – We understand that sometimes a child will need to have these at school for communication between parents/guardians. Children may bring these to school but they need to remain on silent and in their school bag at all times. The school will not be responsible for any loss or damage.

Personal Belongings

- Please label all school related items such as jumpers, hats and water bottles.

House Keeping:

- **Thank-you** to parents who have already **sent 2 boxes of tissues** for the year.
- Join **tiqbiz!** If you have any questions on how to join please speak to the friendly staff at the front office. For parents of year 5 students a reminder to change your selection box to 5/6.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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