



Grade 5/6

TERM THREE NEWSLETTER 2016

Welcome Back!



Welcome back to all of our 5/6 students, parents and guardians! We hope you all had an enjoyable break with your family. It was great to see lots of smiling and happy faces return to school on Monday.

We have an exciting and engaging term planned. This information can also be accessed on our school website along with information about Term Three Specialist subjects: <http://www.sunshineheightsps.vic.edu.au/>

This term, Grade 5/6 students will develop upon their dancing and creative movement skills as they participate in the fun and energetic Footsteps Dance program. Students are really excited to showcase their dance performances to you! Students will also participate in grade 3-6 athletics every Thursday afternoon.

Also this term, the Grade 5/6 students will be involved in the organisation and preparation of a very special event; **Sunshine Heights Primary is turning 60!** Students will explore how SHPS has changed over time and will research different topics during 1956-1960's. Some of these topics will include: music, games/toys, sport and dance.

Students will then complete a project in which they will have to plan, design, advertise and create their own 1960's inspired game, toy, sport etc. These projects will be showcased at the 60th Anniversary Celebration for all of the Sunshine Heights community to participate in and enjoy.

In Term 4 the Grade 5/6 students will be going on school camp to Phillip Island. Please stay tuned for important information about dates and costing.

We look forward to another successful school term with you and the grade 5/6 students.
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Footsteps Dance – Grade 5: Monday 9.40am. Grade 6: Monday 9am and Tuesday 12.10pm

Grade 3-6 Athletics – Every Thursday Afternoon

Interschool Athletics Day – Friday 26th of August

Father's Day Breakfast – Friday 2nd September at 8am

SHPS 60th Anniversary Celebration – Thursday 8th of September

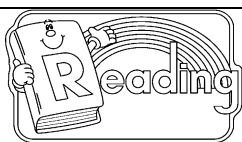
Swimming Program – Monday 29th August – Friday 2nd of September

Last Day of Term & Football Colour Day - Friday 16th of September

SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

	VISUAL ARTS	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	MULTIMEDIA	SCIENCE	LIBRARY
5A	Thursday	Thursday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Monday
5B	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Thursday	Monday
6A	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday
6B	Friday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday

TERM THREE ESSENTIAL LEARNINGS



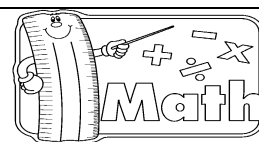
Essential Learnings; Grade 5/6:

- Recognise that ideas in texts can be conveyed from different viewpoints which can lead to multiple interpretations and responses.
- Read and analyse texts with complex figurative language (symbolism, metaphors, similies, hyperbolism etc.)
- Analyse and explain how the language features, images and vocabulary are used to engage the audience and clearly communicate the author's message.



Essential Learnings; Grade 5/6:

- Use a writer's notebook as a tool for collecting ideas about themselves and the world around them and build a variety of entries.
- Re-read their notebooks to identify entries they might possibly work on for publication.
- Re-read their writing to identify parts that can be enhanced and apply sophisticated writing techniques used in mentor texts.
- Select information and vocabulary that is accurate and appropriate to the topic.



Essential Learnings; Grade 5/6:

- Number and Algebra
- Students will develop a growing number sense and how to use them with flexibility.
 - Students will be able to carry out calculations involving whole and decimal fractions.
 - Students will select efficient mental and written strategies to solve a range of multiplication and division problems (including multi- digit numbers) in practical contexts.
- Applied
Grade 5:
- Students will be able to use a grid reference system to describe location.
 - Students will describe routes using landmarks and directional language.
 - Students explore, convert and compare 12 and 24- hour systems and convert between them.
- Grade 6
- Students will explore the use of the Cartesian co-ordinate system.
 - Students will use timetables in the real world and strategies to calculate elapsed time.

REMINDERS

Tissues: As the cold winter weather has approached us, our classroom supply of tissue boxes is running very low. We kindly ask that all students donate one box of tissues for their classroom.

Homework: Students will continue to receive homework on a weekly basis. The aim of homework is to reinforce concepts and skills learnt in the classroom. It also promotes good routine for the students. Homework will be distributed every Monday and is expected to be completed and returned the same week on a Friday.

Student Diaries: Please encourage your child to record important dates and information. Parents are welcome to write comments into the diary as a means of communicating with teachers. It is important that students use the diary to organise themselves in preparation for secondary school.

Reading At Home: Students at this year level are expected to read for at least 20 minutes each night. The title of the book and duration should be recorded in the student diaries.

School Supervision Times: A reminder that students should not be in the school grounds before 8:45am. Teachers are on yard duty from 8:45am.

Sun Smart School: When the UV index is 3 and over, students are required to wear their sun hat during recess and lunchtime. The UV index is updated daily on our school website.