Welcome to back to Term Four! It is a very busy and exciting one and we have many special events coming up. School camp is an event in which students get involved in a range of fun team building activities and celebrate the final term of the year. It is in week eight at Lake Dewar Lodge YMCA in Myrniong. To find out more information about the camp and what it has to offer, go to www.camps.ymca.org.au/discover/lake-dewar-lodge.html.

The annual Festive Concert and Student Art Show is in December and to prepare for this, each week students will be practicing their Footsteps dance, along with a festive song. The combination of the Festive Concert and the Student Art Show is a great opportunity for parents to see their child’s artistic talents.

Can you believe that it is nearly time for the Grade Six’s to graduate!? Graduation is another fantastic night in which we celebrate the students’ year and primary school journey at Sunshine Heights. Preparations for this will keep the Grade Six’s very busy this term!

Term Four is a very hot term so as the warmer weather quickly approaches, we encourage students to model sun smart behaviour by wearing hats and sunscreen.

We wish all the students a productive and enjoyable term!

Your Grade 5/6 Teachers,
Christine Forrest, Sara Vaccari, Seher Tan and Fleur Lacey

IMPORTANT DATES

6th October: St Johns Ambulance CPR incursion
25th - 27th November: Grade 5/6 Camp to Lake Dewar Lodge YMCA
2nd November: Student Free Day
3rd November: Melbourne Cup Day
8th December: Grade 6 Orientation day
10th December: Festive Concert and Student Art Show
11th December: Year 5/6 Skateboard Incursion
15th December: Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony
18th December: End of term 2.30 dismissal/casual dress day

ENGLISH: READING

Essential Learnings

Grade 5 and 6
- Students will think deeply about social issues and be brave and articulate in defending their beliefs.
- Students will ask questions to infer deeper meaning: about traits of people, their actions and motives.

ENGLISH: WRITING

Essential Learnings

Grade 5 and 6
- Students will be inspired to collect ideas and artefacts about things that are personally important for them to write about.
- Students will have a clear understanding of what a writer’s notebook is and its purpose.
**MATHEMATICS**

**NUMBER AND ALGEBRA**

**Essential Learnings**

**Grade 5 and Grade 6**

- Students will solve problems with addition and subtraction of fractions with same denominators
- Students will identify factors and multiples of whole numbers and use them to solve problems involving multiplication and division
- Students will estimate, select and apply efficient mental and written strategies to solve problems involving all four operations with whole numbers (BODMAS)

**APPLIED**

**Essential Learnings**

**Grade 5 and Grade 6**

- Students will choose appropriate units of measurement for length, area, volume, capacity and mass
- Students will connect 3 dimensional objects with their nets and other 2 dimensional representations

**UNIT OF WORK**

Students will understand that the choices they make influence their health. These choices will promote long-term physical, intellectual, emotional and social wellbeing. Students will develop the resilience to manage themselves and positive interactions with others.

**Essential Learnings**

- Students will understand the physical, emotional and social changes associated with the start of puberty
- Students will explore the transition into adulthood and investigate positive ways to manage the transition

**REMINDERS**

- **Homework** continues to be set each week, aimed at reinforcing concepts and skills learnt in the classroom. Homework will be handed out each Friday and is expected to be completed and returned on the following Thursday.
- 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 or their homework book.
- Just a reminder that students should not be in the school grounds before 8:45am. Teachers are on yard duty from 8:45am.

*Please, if you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to come and see us!*