Welcome back to the last term for the year! We are all very excited about the many special events coming up in the term! As the weather warms up we are encouraging students to model sun smart behaviour. In week four we will be heading off to Phillip Island for our school camp, where students will be involved in a range of team building activities, and celebrating their final term of the year.

Term Four is our Festive Term! Each week students will be preparing themselves for our end of year concert by practicing their Footsteps dance, and learning a festive song and dance. The Festive Concert and Arts Show is a great opportunity for parents to see their child’s artistic talents.

Our Grade 6 students have had a great input into the organisation of their graduation ceremony, and have already planned for the majority of the event. They will continue to run their “Friday Food Stall” and continue to raise funds towards their special event. We would like to thank everyone that has supported us so far!

Specialist newsletters will be available on our website in the following weeks and don’t forget to keep up with exciting work samples and news on our Twitter feed. Just go to the school website www.sunshineheightspsvic.edu.au and click on the Twitter icon.

We wish all students a terrific end to the school year!

Seher Tan, Fleur Lacey, Vicki McMahon, Christine Forrest and Sara Vaccari.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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**ENGLISH: READING**

**Genre:** Narratives

**Essential Learnings**

**Grade 5:**
- Infer the big ideas or themes of a text and discuss how they are applicable to people’s lives today
- Understand that several alternative interpretations of a text are possible when interpreting symbolism

**Grade 6:**
- Infer to identify multiple characters within plots and subplots
- Infer the meaning of symbols (objects, events, motifs, characters) that the writer uses to convey and enhance meaning

**ENGLISH: WRITING**

**Genre:** Narratives

**Craft:** Zooming In, Show don’t tell, slowing down the moment, variety of craft to improve the narrative writing.

**Essential Learnings**

**Grade 5:**
- Use a variety of language and styles that are appropriate to the purpose and audience in developing a narrative plot and characters
- Correctly use punctuation, including speech marks, commas and apostrophes to indicate both possession and contractions, to enhance the meaning of writing

**Grade 6:**
- Use a range of sentence types (declarative, interrogative, imperative, exclamatory)
- Reorganise sections of a text for better sequencing or for greater impact on the reader
MATHEMATICS

NUMBER

Essential Learnings

Grade 5
- Students will identify factors and multiples of whole numbers and use them to solve problems involving multiplication and division
- Students make connections between equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages and apply to everyday situations
- Students will be able to compare and order fractions and decimals and represent them on a number line

Grade 6
- Students will estimate, select and apply efficient mental and written strategies to solve problems involving multiplication and division
- Students will make connections between common fractions, decimals and percentages
- Students will identify and describe properties of prime, composite, square and triangular numbers

APPLIED

Essential Learnings

Grade 5
- Students choose appropriate units of measurement for perimeter and area
- Students will calculate the area and perimeter of rectangles using familiar metric units
- Students choose appropriate units of measurement for capacity and volume
- Students describe translations, reflections and rotations of 2 dimensional shapes. They identify line and rotational symmetries

Grade 6
- Students will compare and contrast capacity and volume. They will explore and use appropriate units to measure capacity and volume
- Students investigate combinations of translations, reflections and rotations with or without the use of digital technologies

INQUIRY

DRUG EDUCATION

This term the Grade 5 and 6 students will explore the impact of drug abuse in our community. We will focus on strategies to build our resilience and how to make appropriate and informed choices about our personal safety.

Essential Learnings
1. Students will be able to categorise drugs into medicines, legal and illegal.
2. Understand the misuse of drugs may impair physical, intellectual, emotional and social development

REMININDERS
- Student diaries encourage students 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.
- Homework is 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.
- Just a reminder that students should not be in the school grounds before 8:45am. Teachers are on yard duty from 8:45am.
- No longer do we expect students to wear their hats during Term 1 and Term 4, we are in the process of education students on how to be sun smart all year round. When the UV index is 3 and over students are required to wear their sun hat whilst playing outside. This information is updated daily on our school website.