

Grade 5/ 6 M Class Newsletter – Term 2, 2017



Dear Parents of 5/6M students,

I am looking forward to a busy, but interesting term.

Important dates Term 2

April 28th Summer Sports Gala Day

May 1st Visit to Clarinda Library

5th Interschool sport V Huntingdale PS (away)

9th- 11th NAPLAN (Grade 5 only)

15th Curriculum Day (no students on this day)

16th Education Week activity - Multi-age rotations

17th Education Week – Open Night

19th May- Cross Country Competition for selected students

26th Interschool sport V Clayton North (home)

June 9th Interschool sport V Mary Magdalene (home)

12th Queen's Birthday Holiday

Secondary School selection forms due back at school

16th June-Night of the Notables- Federation of Australia

17th June- Interschool Winter Sport Gala Day

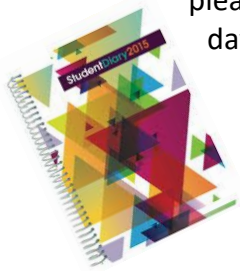
27th Parent Teacher interviews

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30th End of term - early dismissal - 2:30 p.m.



The diary is an important communication tool. If you have any reason to communicate via the diary please make sure your child shows me the note which should be recorded in the relevant day of the weekly spreadsheet. You may also write absence notes directly into the diary.



All absences must be covered by a note or a phone call from home.

Regular and punctual school attendance is extremely important for your child's learning!

As we head into the winter months, **colds and sneezes** will be around. We will be encouraging our students to use tissues to cover their mouths and noses when they have a cold to restrict the spread of colds and flu. If your child is sick with a cold, please consider if they would benefit from a few days rest at home. If they are unwell, it is difficult of them to concentrate for a whole day at school. Study Ladder and take home readers are a good way to pass the time at home.



Mindfulness

Each morning is greeted with a meditation session in the Eulinga building. It is expected that all students be at school by 8:40 a.m. to take full advantage of this time and begin the day with a positive outlook.



Thank you to those families who have contributed to the **class supply of tissues**. We will be going through these quite quickly in the winter months. If you have not already sent along a large box, your help in adding to our store would be appreciated.



Please remember that **mobile phones** are not allowed at school, however, if your child must have a phone, it needs to be handed in at the office in the morning to be collected at home time.



Interschool Winter Sport starts on Friday 5th May with a practice match at Huntingdale Primary School. All children are expected to wear their sports uniforms and sports shoes for interschool sport.



Homework

Maths- Each student follows an individual learning plan to strengthen their understanding in Numeracy, Statistics and Measurement.

Studyladder



Study Ladder is also available for students to explore maths concepts. This is an excellent way for the students to practise their skills as they receive instant feedback on the accuracy of their work. Your child has their own login and password.

Reading- Students are expected to read for at least 20 minutes each night, and record their reading into their Reading Journal. Text for at-home reading can range from newspaper articles to novels of their choice.

Spelling – ‘Words Their Way’ is up and running with the students investigating letter blends and word patterns in selected words over a two week period. Student are expected to select two activities from their Spelling Homework Grid each week which as well as sort their list words using a variety of sorting activities.

Writing – Writing prompts designed to generate discussion and deep thinking will be set as writing tasks each fortnight. Confidence in organising their thoughts and developing arguments comes with regular practice. While sharing tasks, we will be celebrating the use of interesting vocabulary, accurate grammar and spelling.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or would just like to pop in and have a chat. Do not hesitate to bring to my attention any problems your child is having. It is important that these are addressed as they occur to ensure your child is able to achieve the most from their school experiences.

Kind Regards, Ms. Deirdre Mooney

Term 2 Timetable

Tuesday 12.00	P. E – Students should wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions and sturdy, non- slip shoes. Hats and water bottles are essential for P.E.
Wednesday 11.10	Music
2.40	Art
Thursday 9:00	Mother Tongue and LOTE
9.50	Library – Students are expected to have a sturdy bag in which to protect library books. All students are expected to borrow each week.
Friday 9:15-10:40	Sport Practice and Interschool Sport