

5/6J Term 2 Newsletter

I hope everyone had a lovely break and have recharged the batteries ready for a busy and exciting term! My door is always open, so please feel free to pop in for a chat, or contact me via ClassDojo, if there are any matters you would like to raise. Do not hesitate to bring to my attention any problems your child is facing. It is important that these are addressed as they occur, to ensure your child receives maximum benefit from their school experiences.

- Jess Brockman

KEY DATES

Tues 07/05	House Athletics Carnival
Thurs 09/05	Mother's Day Stall
Fri 10/05	Clarinda vs Sacred Heart Interschool Sport (AWAY)
Tues 14/05 - Thurs 16/05	NAPLAN (Year 5)
Thurs 16/05	Year 6 Excursion to Parliament House
Fri 17/05	Clarinda vs Huntingdale Interschool Sport (AWAY)
Tues 21/05	District Cross Country (Selected Students)
Wed 22/05	Grandparents Day
Thurs 23/05	Education Week Rotations and Open Night (6:00 - 7:30pm)
Wed 29/05	Blue House Fundraiser
Fri 31/05	Clarinda vs Amsleigh Interschool Sport (HOME)
Sun 02/06	Working Bee
Fri 07/06	Open Learning Afternoon
Mon 10/06	Queen's Birthday (NO SCHOOL)
Tues 11/06	Curriculum Day (NO SCHOOL)
Fri 14/06	Gala Day
Fri 21/06	Year 5 Excursion to Parliament House
Mon 24/06 - Tues 25/06	Student Led Conferences
Fri 28/06	Last Day of Term 2 (2:30pm dismissal)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WINTER SPORT



This term, students will be playing netball, soccer, AFL 9's or volleystars for Interschool Sport. We are looking forward to some friendly competition this term with Amsleigh, Sacred Heart and Huntingdale in preparation for Gala Day on Friday 14th June. A permission note and bus costs will be sent home closer to the date. Please feel free to come down and encourage our teams!

HOMEWORK

Homework is given out on a Monday and is due the following Monday. Weekly homework consists of:

READING: 20 minutes of reading every night (recorded in reading log)

SPELLING: 2 activities from the spelling rubric (completed in homework book)

MATHS: A number fluency sheet (stuck into homework book)

Students will also be given research projects every few weeks, related to topics we are learning about at school. Students will have the opportunity to share these projects with their peers and receive feedback.



Students have study ladder accounts which they can use to complete additional literacy and numeracy tasks at home. These tasks are not compulsory, but are recommended.

RUNNING AND MINDFULNESS



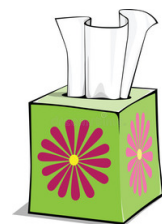
We will be continuing our Mindfulness sessions this term, enhanced with the exercise program. It has been wonderful to see students improve their fitness since the beginning of the year and benefit from the morning exercise. It is important that students are at school by 8:50am ready for the start to the day. We are aware of the demands on time in the morning in a busy household and appreciate the efforts made to have students arrive on time to take advantage of this important start to our day.

COLD WEATHER

Now that we are approaching Winter, it is important for the children to be addressed appropriately for the weather. If your child does not want to wear their school jacket/jumper in the morning, please ensure it is packed in their school bag.

Winter is also a time for colds and sneezes. If your child is sick, please consider if they would benefit from a few days of rest at home. If your child is unwell, it can be

difficult for them to concentrate for a whole day at school. Thank you to those families who have contributed to our class supply of tissue boxes. If you have not already contributed a box, your help in adding to our supply would be greatly appreciated.



IN THE CLASSROOM

INQUIRY



This term, students will continue their investigation of Civics and Citizenship. They will be researching different political parties and gaining a deeper understanding of elections and the voting process. Students will extend their inquiry by forming their own political parties and running in an election to run the classroom for a day.

PLAY IS THE WAY

This term, we have launched our new whole-school program, Play is the Way. This program teaches students social and emotional skills to help them make safe and strong decisions throughout their lives. Key concepts are reinforced by games to help students apply and develop these skills. Students have been introduced to the Golden Rule, "treat others as you would like them to treat you" and will explore more rules as we delve deeper into the program.



ROTATIONS

This term, each class will have a two week block with each of the following rotations.

WEBSITES: Students will learn the features of a website and understand how different types of websites are structured. They will use this knowledge to design and create their own website, based on a personal interest, using the Wix program. Students will include a range of elements including titles, images, navigation menus and videos.

DRAMA: Students will deepen their understanding of how to communicate meaning and engage an audience. They will explore the various elements of drama to shape character, voice and movement by participating in improvisation activities and rehearsing and performing scripted drama collaboratively with peers.

SUSTAINABILITY: Students will investigate the impact plastic litter has on our environment, especially the world's oceans and marine life. They will work in teams to create posters and deliver an informative talk to younger students in our school community on how they can reduce plastics pollution.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION: Students will learn about the physical, mental, intellectual, social and emotional aspects of health and well-being. They will gain a deeper understanding of nutrition and the different food groups that make up a healthy and balanced diet. Students will also investigate advertising and marketing of 'healthy' foods and how to read food labels to enable them to make informed decisions about their health.

REMINDERS

CLASS DOJO

Make sure you are connected to your child's Class Dojo to keep up to date with what is happening in the classroom. Class Dojo is also a platform you can use to communicate with your child's teacher.

MOBILE PHONES

Please remember that mobile phones are not allowed at school. If your child requires a phone, it needs to be handed into the office in the morning and can be collected at home time.



5/6J TIMETABLE

Monday	10:15 - 11:00 12:15 - 1:00 2:00 - 2:45	Greek PE STEM
Tuesday	12:15 - 1:00 2:00 - 2:45	Library Art
Wednesday		
Thursday	12:15 - 1:00 2:00 - 3:30	Music Rotations
Friday	9:00 - 11:00	Interschool Sport