Grade 5/6 Newsletter
26th February 2016

IMPORTANT DATES -TERM 1

- **Boys for Beginners Workshops (for parents)**
  February 15th and March 21st
  or February 22nd and March 28th; 7-9pm

- **Division Swimming Sports**
  Wednesday 2nd March *(select students only)* 10-2pm

- **Labour Day**
  Monday 14th March

- **The Patch Autumn Festival**
  Saturday, 19th March

- **Last Day Term 1**
  Thursday, 24th March

- **Earthkeepers Camp (Grade 5 only)**
  Gr 1 - 13th, 14th, 15th April
  Gr 2 - 18th, 19th, 20th April

- **Sovereign Hill Camp (Grade 6 only)**
  Tues - Thurs, 16th - 18th August

- **Mountain District Swimming**
  18th February

- **School Banking**
  Every Wednesday

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**Swimming News**

This incredible start of the year involved swimming! Yay! We had way more people turn up this year and that’s probably because the parents and all the teachers in year 5/6 help the kids get organized. We all hope this sport will continue and most of the kids continue swimming. And well done to all those that got through to Division.

By Callum 5/6B

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**Art Smocks**

All students require a named art smock to protect their clothes for art lessons. An old T-shirt from Mum or Dad makes an excellent smock.

Thank you,
Sophia Walsh
Art Teacher
**What we are learning......**

**Literacy**
In literacy we are working on Writers notebook which is free writing and recording ideas down in your writing book or a piece of paper. Also in reading we are working on visualizing and expressing our feelings in our reading book and also finding the main idea in the book we are reading.

**Math**
In maths the 5/6s have been trying to solve an algebra question that the whole world is trying to figure out and the 5/6s have been coming up with amazing answers that are proven to be right. We have also been working on simple algebra to lead us up to hard algebra.

**Inquiry**
In inquiry we are working on different services to keep us healthy and smart. Each student in 5/6 have chosen one service to learn info about how it keeps different communities healthy. Also we are organizing stalls for the autumn festival such as seed bombs, bush wands, bush art and more.

**Rotations and Specialists**
On Tuesdays the 4 to 6s do specialists. In specialists we do Digital Technologies, P.E., Philosophy, Sustainability and Music except each grade does it in a different order. Digital Technologies is with Kent, P.E. is with Emilya, Philosophy is with Pauleen, Sustainability is with Judy and Music is with Leanne. Every student enjoys this a lot.

By Leah and Anton 5/6B

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**Homework Expectations**
- **Reading** for 20-30 minutes every day. Record your reading in your diary.
- **Reading Letters**: One per month. Each student will have a special day to hand this in. The reading letter timetables for each grade will be posted on the school website.
- **Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation**: Weekly activity to be completed by Friday.
- **Maths**
  - Students log in to Mathletics for at least 30 minutes per week.
  - Choose ONE unfamiliar times table and practise it as often as possible!

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**Autumn Festival**
*Saturday 19th March, 10-3pm*

Grade 5/6 students are really excited about running their “Magical Bush Art” stall at the Autumn Festival. With our student’s assistance, festival-goers will be creating:
- magical bush art wands
- Seed bombs

Binocular microscopes will be set up to allow festival goers to explore the amazing natural microscopic world around us. We will also be selling succulent plants that the grade 5/6 students propagated in 2015.

We will need student and parent helpers at our stall. Students will be rostered on for one hour each throughout the day. Please let your child know the best times for volunteering their services.

Please enjoy the flyer that Kiana in 5/6C designed!

**Earthkeeper Camp - Year 5s**

Earthkeeper Camp for Grade 5s is coming up very soon (see “Important Dates”)
Health Forms have gone home and need to be returned by Monday at the very latest. Payment information (for QKR) has been sent home today.
Earthkeepers is a life changing experience - and we are fortunate at The Patch to be able to give all of our students in Year 5 the opportunity to attend!
Scholastic Book Club is back for 2016!

The Book Club Team would like to welcome everyone back for Term 1. We hope you all had great holidays which included reading some of your favourite books or maybe some new ones you received as Christmas gifts.

To all our new families - welcome. The Scholastic Book Club is a school supported fundraising activity where the school receives 20% of the price back from every book/item ordered. Teachers can then use this credit to order new books and other resources for the classroom. Over many years this activity has supplied some great resources for our school, such as library books, class sets, charts, maps etc. Lots of wonderful stuff!

A couple of changes and some information to note for 2016:

The most exciting one is that all the different club catalogues have now been combined into one. Now all students/parents can purchase items from multiple age levels - Bonus!

The Book Club Team can now also give you an indication as to when you should start looking out for a catalogue in your child's school bag.

We will endeavour to distribute catalogues in the week beginning;

- Monday 29th February 2016
- Monday 23rd May 2016
- Monday 15th August 2016
- Monday 14th November 2016

Due dates for order placement will be published in the school newsletter, tiqbiz etc, but are generally 7-10 days from the distribution.

The last item of note is the change to order placement. All orders must now be placed online via LOOP. This is the Scholastic online ordering system. Details on how to order for are included in this newsletter or can be found on the Scholastic Australia website www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

No payments to school please.

So look out for those catalogues in a couple of weeks and we look forward to your support.
The Patch Autumn Festival

Saturday, 19th March
10am till 3pm

Miniature gardens
Stick yarns
Watercolour leaves
Live music
Silent auction
Seed bombs
Raffle

Refreshments
Market stalls
The wetlands trail
Ponding
Bush art
Garden talks

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