



Grade 5/6 Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 9th May- Thursday 11th May
NAPLAN Grade 5 ONLY

Wednesday 10th May
Parent evening with Tom Brunzell

Thursday 11th May
Cross Country 3-6
Book Fair starts
Grade 6 Camp Payment Due
Grade 6 Camp Medical Form Due

Friday 12th May
Parent coffee morning 9.30am
Grade 6 High School Transition Form Due

Monday 15th May
Grade 5 & 6 Reach Rookies

Tuesday 23rd May
Whole school open morning
11.05-12.50pm (sausage sizzle lunch)

Wednesday 24th May
2018 Prep tours 9.30-10.30am

Friday 2nd June
Parents coffee morning 9.30am

Monday 5th June- Wednesday 7th June
Grade 6 Camp

Monday 12th June
Queen's Birthday Holiday

Thursday 15th June
Music Viva incursion

SPORTS NEWS!

A huge congratulations to our 5/6 students who have represented our school at District Athletics last Thursday. Our school has been highly successful in a number of events and will have several students competing at Division. We wish our athletes the best of luck.



We would also like to congratulate Pearl Kidd, Milla Macallan (netball), Cooper Martin and Josh O'Connor (basketball) for being chosen to try out for the first round of selection for the Victorian Team! We will have the results in the next newsletter.



Also don't forget – Cross Country next
Thursday afternoon.

What we are learning.....

GRADE 5

Literacy

In literacy our reading and writing focus has been persuasive text. We look at how to successfully argue an opinion by giving reasons and examples and using powerful language. Expect a more reasoned approach to arguments at home!

Math

In maths students have been looking at problem solving and measuring.

**NAPLAN
BEGINS
NEXT
WEEK**

On the 9th, 10th and 11th of May our Grade 5 students will be doing the NAPLAN tests. Students have their skills assessed in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), and Numeracy.

The timetable for these tests will be:

Tuesday 9:00am- Language Conventions (40 minutes)
Tuesday 11:30- Writing (40 minutes)
Wednesday 9:00am- Reading (45 minutes)
Thursday 9:00am- Numeracy (45 minutes)

These tests are set by the federal government and sent to them for marking. The results will be made available late term 3. It is very important that students are at school at 8:50 am as NAPLAN tests begin at 9am sharp.

Newsletters

Class Newsletters will be sent by email, Tiqbiz and the school website: <http://www.thepatchps.vic.edu.au>

Whole school newsletters are fortnightly, on the odd weeks you will receive a "dates and reminders" email and the following odd week a full class newsletter. We will also send out email reminders as needed.

Science

This term Grade 5&6 will be studying the difference between physical and chemical change. We will be holding a science week beginning May 16th. Students will be involved in a range of activities and experiments and we would love you to come and visit our rooms on Tuesday May 23rd (Open Day) 11:05- 12:50pm to see the science we are learning.



Berry Street Model and Behaviour Management Survey

In Term 1 of this year, we have continued to implement the Berry Street Educational Model (BSEM). In conjunction with this, we have developed and introduced a new Behaviour Management Process. Of course, rarely is a new system implemented that cannot be improved in some way. We have had input from staff and students around both the BSEM and our Behaviour Management Process, and we are now inviting parents to give your input around these new models. We encourage all parents to give their feedback - good and bad - by completing the survey at the link below by **Monday 8th May**. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Jane. Please don't forget that Tom Brunzell from the Berry Street Childhood Institute will be talking to parents on the evening of Wednesday 10th May.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RLBVYLD>

What we are learning.....

GRADE 6

Literacy

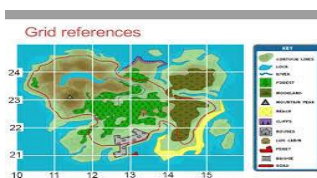
In literacy, we are reading and writing information texts. We are revising their structure and language features and have been identifying facts and opinions. We are continuing to focus on the importance of correct punctuation.

TEXT FEATURES	
FEATURE	PURPOSE
TITLE	Titles and subtitles help you to obtain information and help you predict what you will read about (summarise your subject).
SPECIAL FONTS	When bold, italic, or colour fonts are used, the writer is saying, "Look at me! I'm important!"
PICTURES	Photographs and diagrams help you to visualise the text, and help you to understand exactly what something looks like.
CAPTIONS	Captions help you better understand what is happening in a picture or diagram, or describe the contents of a sheet of graph.
MAPS	Maps are an informational tool to help you understand where things are in the world.
CHARTS, GRAPHS	Charts and graphs help you understand information related to data in the text in a visual format that can be read more easily.
SIDEBARS	Sidebar text often contains interesting facts and details related to information in the text.
TABLE OF CONTENTS	The table of contents helps you identify key parts in the book in the order it is presented. It can help you estimate the page you will find in the book.
GLOSSARY	The glossary is an alphabetical list of important words and key terms from the text. The glossary shows you the definitions of those words and helps you better understand the text.
INDEX	The index is an alphabetical list of almost everything covered in the text. It helps you locate specific information in the text by giving the page number.

Our spelling strategies over the past few weeks have included prefixes such as in/im and dis. We have also been revising rules for when we add endings such ed, ing and s to words. Do we drop the e, double the letter, change the y to an i or simply add the ending?

Math

Over the past 2 weeks students have been working on revising 3D shapes, in particular prisms and pyramids. We are continuing our times table challenge and many students are making great progress. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at grid references, mapping and will begin working on the Cartesian system.



Mother's Day

FRI 12TH MAY

- ❖ Parents' Coffee Morning
- ❖ Mother's Day Raffle (Available on Qkr! now)
- ❖ Mother's Day Parent Stall

TPPS MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

May 2017

Enter for your chance to win:

A Bespoke Anti-Aging Facial @ Essential Indulgence

Your mum will be treated to 75 minutes of pure indulgence and restored to her younger self with this luxurious facial treatment at Essential Indulgence in Olinda.

Kindly donated by Sue Kidd. Valued at \$135.

High Tea for Two @ Coonara Springs Restaurant

Your mum will be truly spoilt with this decadent high tea experience in the beautiful surrounds of Coonara Springs in Olinda.

Held on the first Thursday of each month. 12pm-6pm.

Kindly donated by Sally & Adam Whitford. Valued at \$130

Bottle of wine and voucher for Kallista General Store

Packaged in an environmentally-friendly Kallista General Store bag.

this prize includes a handpicked bottle of wine and a \$20 voucher to use in-store.

Kindly donated by Josephine & Liz. Valued at \$50

4 x Kallista Biodynamic Market Vouchers

Four lucky mums will have \$40 each to spend at Kallista Biodynamic Market which offers a wide selection of fresh organic and biodynamic produce.

Kindly donated by Jess & Caillin. Valued at \$40 per voucher

Close-Up Encounter @ Healesville Sanctuary

A unique opportunity for your mum to experience a close-up encounter with Dingoes at Healesville. They might even give her a kiss!

Kindly donated by Anna and Glyn Francis. Valued at \$24

Tickets \$2 each or 6 for \$10

available on QKR

Entries close midday on Friday 12th May, so make sure you don't miss out



The Grade 6 Fundraising Team will be running a sausage sizzle on 'Open Day' **Tuesday 23rd May.**

As part of our Education Week celebrations we are welcoming parents, grand-parents and family members to join their children for lunch on this day. If you, your child or family members would like to purchase a sausage in bread (vegetarian available as well), pop top or popcorn please complete the order form and payment on QKR by Friday 19th May. Online the 12th May.