

## Dear Year 5 Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a very exciting 2021! We enjoyed meeting our new Year Five classes last week and all teachers have been very impressed with students' positive attitudes, respect and kindness shown towards each other.

Below is a brief overview of our first term including some key dates for your calendars:

### **KEY DATES FOR TERM 1**

**Friday 26th Feb** - School & Sibling Photo Day (full school uniform required)

**Monday 8th Mar** - LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**Tues 23rd & Wed 24th** - Beach Program - Mt Martha (see Compass for details)

**Tues 30th Mar** - Senior Athletics Day (Ballam Park)

**Thurs 1st Apr** - Last day of Term 1 (2:30pm finish)

### **NAPLAN**

NAPLAN will be held for all children in Grade 5 between May 11 - May 20th. Preparation for NAPLAN will be done at school. Please remember this should not be a stressful time for students. Please see classroom teachers for more information.

### **Homework**

This year, students are expected to complete 2.5 hours of reading. They are expected to write their reading in their THRIVE reading log and return it every Friday ensuring they include the *duration of reading*, the *title* of their book and a *parent/guardian signature*. Your assistance with our homework program is greatly appreciated!

This term a reading comprehension task will also be included in the weekly homework. You may like to assist your child with this task. Remember that students also have home access to Lexia/Reading Plus and Mathletics to give your child an advantage come testing times.

### **Seesaw**

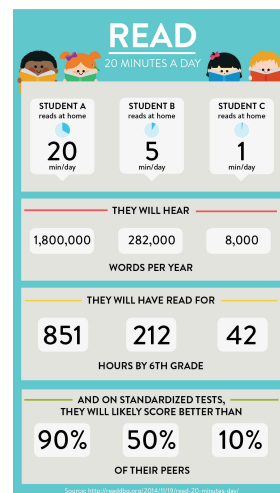
Please continue to log in to Seesaw and connect to your child's journal to see what we are doing in class!

### **Maths**

Throughout Term 1 we will be investigating the following topics:

- Place Value (working with numbers up to millions and down to thousandths)
- Four Operations
- Number Sentences
- Estimation & Rounding
- Factors & Multiples

Please continue to encourage your child to learn/revise their times tables. A lack of knowledge in this area is holding some students back.



## **English**

This term we will continue to follow our Jolly Phonics & Grammar Program. These concepts will be investigated during our Literacy Group rotations.

Our writing focus will be on Narrative and Persuasive genres.

## **Inquiry**

This term, our inquiry unit is focussed on the topic of 'Australia's Climate'. Student learning will be directed throughout the unit by the central idea and the key inquiry questions.

*Central Idea - The environmental characteristics of Australia are influenced by human interactions and natural disasters.*

### *Key Questions*

1. *What are the environmental characteristics (features) of Australia?*
2. *What are the ways in which humans impact the environment?*
3. *What is the impact of bushfires and floods on communities and the environment?*
4. *What are the ways in which we respond to bushfires and floods and how can their impact be reduced?*

## **Wellbeing**

This year we are continuing to build on our "THRIVE" program, which focuses on student wellbeing. This program will run across the year, with a different theme each term. This term our theme is 'Getting Involved'. Students will be partaking in lessons based on different concepts, including identifying and celebrating their own personal strengths.

We are all looking forward to an enjoyable, exciting and productive year working with you and your child. We appreciate your help and support in advance for what we are sure will be an exceptionally rewarding year ahead.

Lastly, it would be greatly appreciated if you could help support our busy classrooms by donating **boxes of tissues** or **paper towel**.

Thank you,

The 2021 Year Five Team

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