What a fantastic start to the term we have had. Week One saw the 5/6 grades visit Urban camp. What a busy three days! The children did an amazing job navigating Melbourne on trains, trams and on foot. Over the three days we walked a total of 45.5 Kilometres! Highlights included the wave pool at MSAC, a tour of the MCG, the edge at the Eureka tower and a tour of Parliament House.

In Maths we are currently focussing on Multiplication and Division. We are looking at different strategies for solving problems in this area of Maths. It is really important that children learn lots of different ways to complete calculations, it gives them a way of checking their answers and deepens their understanding of the four operations. Good mathematicians can solve one problem using lots of different strategies! Please support your child to learn the timetables by heart as this helps them in all areas of Maths. Later on in the term we will be looking at decimals, fractions, money and chance and data.

In our writing sessions we are looking at persuasive writing and covering the aspects of VCOP (punctuation, openers, vocabulary and connectives) within this genre. Persuasive writing fits in really well with the Grade 5/6 inquiry topic of democracy and government. We will be looking at what makes a good representative and how they can persuade us to vote for them. Later on in the term we will be working on narratives.

Grade 5/6s have lots of extra curricula programs on this term. We have already started the Smokescreen Project on Tuesday mornings for the next month. Children are working with the Mornington Peninsula Youth Services and Brett Cardwell from Cartytoons to create short films about smoking. Brett is an animator and is working with the children to support them to create their own stop motion animations. We have our Sex Ed program which begins on 13th of May and will be taking place every Friday for three weeks. The Dove ‘Body, Think’ program is running for the girls on Wednesday 25th May.
We are really pleased that Years we 5-6 will be continuing to work with Kaye on Woodwork again this term. The kids really enjoyed making their tent pegs, boomerangs and boats last term and are they are showing lots of improvement with their skills in this area.

Please see below for key dates and more camp photos

We are looking forward to another fun packed term.

Kind regards

Anna and Tim

Important Dates to remember

Week 3    April 28th Summer Lightning Premiership
Week 4    May 4th Maths incursion
Week 5    NAPLAN for year 5
Week 6    May 20th Cross Country
Week 9    June 6th Rugby & June 9th Winter Lightning Premiership. June 10th Student free day
Week 10   June 13th Queens Birthday Holiday
Week 11   June 20th Rugby & Curriculum Day