

Year 5/6M Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2017.

Well, as quick as a wink the school holidays are over and I would like to welcome new and returning students into Year 5/6 M.

Term One has shaped up to be a busy and exciting term. Thanks to those who have brought their notices in early. This has helped aide your child in a smooth transition.

Many programmes have already started and concluded. Students participated in the Water Safety Program, the wheels are now spinning for Bike Education and we have also had a visit from the St. Kilda Saints.

Thoughts that Matter Most

Water Safety Programme

- They were really fun, especially the pin drops.
- I liked learning two new strokes, Breaststroke and Sidestroke.
- I got over my fear of deep water.



- Survival Day was cool. I loved swimming in all my clothes.

St. Kilda Saints

- It was great learning how the players control their emotions and nerves in front of a big crowd.
- I liked getting to meet our idols, then realising they are similar to us.
- I found their daily diet interesting. They shared with us which foods are healthy and how to power our body.
- I loved kicking the goals

REMINDER:

Year 5/6 Camp, March 20-22 2017.

Anglesea Coastal Forest Camp has fantastic facilities and activities for students. Camp staff run all adventure activities, such as Surfing and Kayaking. The facilities allow for quality wet or dry weather activities.

Term One: Teaching and Learning

Mathematics



This term, our mathematics will include addition using decimals, integers, number facts to 100,000, formal measurement and place value to six digit numbers.

We will be focusing on the revision of basic skip counting and working towards skip counting by decimals.

You can support our maths program at home by reinforcing these concepts and by encouraging the use of Mathematics when the opportunity arises.

English



English activities will focus on extending grammar and comprehension ability. Where possible, texts will link with our Healthy, Safe and Active Me unit to extend general knowledge. We will be explicitly teaching specific grammar rules and patterns to improve spelling and writing. Please encourage your child to use correct pronunciation and grammar when speaking as this greatly assists with all areas of literacy. To further enhance the children's writing, students will create exciting recounts and descriptive texts based on real life events.

Inquiry

During Term 1, our inquiry unit is titled Healthy, Safe and Active Me. We are researching, learning and demonstrating an understanding of ourselves and how perceptions can factor our decisions. We will unpack ways to continue harmonious relationships and develop healthy minds.



How You can Help at Home

Encourage spelling and number fact practise. Help your child find information that they may need for research activities. Continue the positive attitude that you show towards your child's education.