



### English

Reading focuses for this term include:

- developing comprehension skills during Guided Reading
- continuing to implement Reciprocal Reading
- focusing on Identifying the author's purpose, Implementation, Interpreting Figurative Language and Summarising.

Writing focuses are:

- Information text using notes taken from Disaster viewing
- Debating
- Poetry: Acrostic Poems, Cinquain Poems, Diamante Poems, Haiku, Fruit Poems, Colour/imagery Poems, Class Alphabet Poems and I am Poems

Grammar focuses include:

Sentences, conjunctions, phrases, clauses, punctuation and paragraph revision.

Weekly spelling tests will continue and spelling focuses will include ort, ough, aught sounds, shortenings, abbreviations, contractions, influence of vowels (g & c followed by I, e or y – j or ss sound) and theme words.

Speaking & Listening:

Through the sharing of work, in all areas of the curriculum, Speaking & Listening skills are continuously being developed. During weekly Disaster viewing sessions students will be required to take notes which will be used for writing Information texts. News Time: Students will be sharing factual news from newspapers and T.V news, which they have investigated. The focus will be disasters.



### Integrated Studies

#### Grade 5/6

#### Disasters

Students will be learning about Disasters with an emphasis on Natural and Human Created disasters.

Students will be completing a Rich Task at school, and as part of their homework.

Weekly disaster viewing sessions will involve studentstaking notes and using their notesto write various information reports.



## TERM 4 GRADE 5/6 NEWSLETTER

### Maths

Focuses include:

- Revising 4 processes including decimals
- Place value
- Bodmas
- Number Sequence
- Inverse Operations
- Roman Numerals
- Fractions / Percentages / Decimals
- Time / Time Zones / Timetables
- Mean and Mode / Range and Median
- Powers of Numbers
- Prime and Composite numbers
- Location and Maps, Compass Mapping, Coordinates, Maps and their Scales
- Chance activities
- Collecting Data and drawing various graphs
- Tessellations



### Preparing For Secondary School Program



As part of the transition process from grade 6 to year 7, students will be involved in a weekly program where various skills are taught including organisational skills for completing homework, writing up and following timetables and creating an effective work environment.

Part of the program involves parents / guardians discussing each lesson with their child and completing set activities.

Students will be given a booklet with all activities. The booklet needs to be returned to school each week.

This program is an important and valuable part of your child's transition process into secondary school



### 2010 Grade 6 Memento Jackets

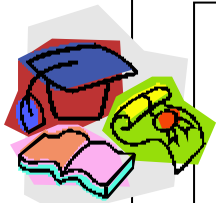
Early in Term 4 forms will be sent home regarding memento jackets for the 2010 Grade 6 students. PSW will make available jackets of various sizes for fittings.

A deposit of \$20.00 will be required in Term 4 and full payment will be due early Term 1 2010. Fitting and payment dates to be confirmed.

### Memento Books

Memento Books are a highlight for all grade 6 students. The Memento book includes various activities which highlight their primary years. Each week students complete one activity. Some of the activities include creating a family tree, highlights Prep to Grade 6, best friends page and dreams for the future.

The book is completed as a scrap book. Your child might like to bring photos to school as well as stickers to use when completing their Memento book.





### **Grade 6 Graduation**

It is hard to believe that the year is almost over and for the Grade 6 students graduation is the completion of their primary years.

Graduation will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at Melrose Receptions.

During Term 4 students will be rehearsing for the big night.

The night includes a dinner for students, followed by the graduation ceremony where your child will be presented with their graduation certificate, photo and signature bear. Awards will be presented on the night.

The cost will be \$55.00

More information will be given out in Term 4.

Refunds from the Grade 6 Memento jacket will be deducted from the graduation cost.



### **Interscholar Sports Finals**

Congratulations to Girls Volley Ball and Boys Soft Ball teams who have made it into the finals. These finals are held this term. Dates need to be confirmed.

### **Homework**

Homework is given to students on Tuesday and is due the following Monday.

Homework includes:

- 1 maths sheet
- spelling words (for spelling test)
- spelling grid (in homework book with grid drawn up by students)
- 1 Matrix activity (Home Reader)
- Read nightly (complete Reading Log)

*It is expected that all students complete their home work to a high standard.*

*Please note: Home work may sometimes vary. Other homework will include Rich Task and Preparing for Secondary School program.*

### **Supporting Your Child's Learning**

Ideas for supporting your child's learning:

- \* Encourage them to read every night
- \* Discuss with your child what she or he has read
- \* Promote your child learning the times table
- \* Help them organize their time to ensure homework is completed \*
- \* Encourage homework to be done over the week and not the night before
- \* Ensure your child has completed 5 Star quality work
- \* Check reading logs and school diary and sign weekly: ensure your child has filled them out correctly
- \* Discuss with your child the Preparing For Secondary program and sign weekly

**HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP PROMOTES LEARNING**



### **Anticipated Expenses for Term 4**

The following are estimates of Term 4 expenses.

Any student involved in sport will need to pay travel cost.

#### **GRADE 6 EXPENSES**

- Graduation: includes Graduation certificate, photo, signature bear and dinner for your child on graduation night – \$55.00

#### **GRADE 5 EXPENSES**

- 2010 Grade 6 memento jackets **deposit** approximately \$20.00. (Remaining payment to be made in 2010)

### **Dates to Remember**

- October 28: Hume Expo 1-8 p.m. Venue to be decided.
- November 3: Pupil Free Day - Melbourne Cup
- November 6: Hoop Time - Finals
- November 11: Art Show – 6:30pm  
Graduation & Sports Photos to be taken today.
- November 12: Show Day 3:30 – 5:30
- November 13: Multicultural Day 11:15 – 3:15
- November 26: Police Band Visit
- December 8: Orientation Day for Year 6 students.  
This date will vary for Non-Government schools.
- December 14: Grade 6 Graduation
- December 16: Meet the 2010 Teacher (Grade 5 only)  
Reports go home
- December 17: Signature Bear signing for Grade 6 students  
Class party
- December 18: Last day of school. Early dismissal. – 12:30

#### **2010 Dates**

- February 1: First day back for students.
- March 1: In School Activity – Australian Electoral Commission visit (Grade 5/6)
- April 19-22: Grade 5/6 Beach Camp (Burnside Anglesea)