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Year 6 Newsletter – Term 2

Welcome

Welcome back. We hope you have had a restful holiday with your children and are ready for another great term of learning. We have a number of events coming up this term including Market Day, an In-school activity about marketing and an excursion to the Melbourne Museum.

Important Dates / Upcoming Events

26 April: Market Manoeuvres in-school activity
7 May: 5/6 Winter Interschool Sports Gala Day

7 May: Mothers' Day stall12 May: Camp information night

14 May: Cross Country

1 June: Melbourne Museum Excursion14 June: Queen's Birthday (Public holiday)

16 June: Market Day

24 June: Semester 1 reports go home

25 June: Last day of Term 2 - Early dismissal at 2:30pm

Homework

Homework commenced in week 2. Homework will include nightly reading and recording reading data in their school diary, and practicing their spelling words and number facts. Homework is an expected component of the Year 6 curriculum, therefore there will be consequences for students who do not return their homework in the given timeframe. Homework will be given out each Thursday and due back every Tuesday. Only 5 Star Quality work will be accepted.

Uniform

Students can now transition into their winter uniform this term. They are to wear the correct shoes each day. If they have sports, they are still required to wear their correct shoes to and from school and change into their runners when they get to school. A note is required if students are not in correct uniform. Teachers will be monitoring this and there will be consequences for students in incorrect uniform without a valid reason. Please ensure all clothing is labelled.

Reaching for the Stars

Our Reaching for the Stars after school classes commenced on Tuesday 20 April. This year we are offering the following classes: Maths Olympiad, STEM, Art Class, Coding, Dance Club, Drama Club, Student Newsletter Club, Choir and Skipping. Classes run every Tuesday from 3.15pm until 4:00pm

Specialist Timetable					
	6H	6V	6J	6S	6K
STEM	Monday	Monday	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday
The Arts	Wednesday	Wednesday			
Italian	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday	Tuesday
PE	Wednesday	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Library	Tuesday	Friday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday

Year 5 and 6 Camp 2021

The Year 5/6 camp will be held during Term 4, on **Monday 4 October** to **Friday 8 October 2021** at Phillip Island Adventure Resort. More information can be found on the website piar.cyc.org.au. Camp interest notes were sent out on Thursday 6 May. A parent information night will be held on WebEx on Wednesday, 12 May, at 6:00pm. A link will be sent out via COMPASS before the night.

English

Students in Year 6 will develop fluency and meaning when reading fiction and non-fiction print and digital texts. Writing skills for narratives, reports and persuasive texts will be reinforced. Participation in class discussions, questioning and active listening are also a focus. Whole-class, small-group and individual tasks have supported students to learn about:

Reading and Viewing

- Analysing and explaining how language features and vocabulary are used by different authors to represent ideas and events
- Reading and responding to a variety of texts using various comprehension strategies
- Exploring the World of Visual Literacy
- Comparing and analysing information stated in different texts
- Conference with students to establish goals to improve their reading

Writing

- Planning, editing, proofreading and publishing persuasive texts
- Employing a range of strategies to assist with and improve vocabulary, spelling, sentence structure and punctuation
- Note-taking and research skills
- Providing feedback and feedforward on their own work and on the work of their peers

Speaking and Listening

- Planning, rehearsing and making presentations for different purposes
- Making presentations and contributing actively to class and group discussions, using a variety of strategies for effect
- Using verbal communication to persuade customers (leading up to and during Market Day)



The focus of the Mathematics program in Year 6 is to extend understandings, strategies and skills in the areas of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability and apply these to everyday life situations. This term's topics include:

Number and Algebra

- Revising the four processes of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Solve multiplication problems involving decimals
- Solve division problems involving decimals and remainders
- Locating and representing integers on a number line

Measurement and Geometry

- Plotting coordinates on a Cartesian plane
- Estimating, measuring and comparing angles
- Investigating the effects of transformations on simple and composite shapes

Statistics and Probability

• Constructing, interpreting and comparing a range of data display

Sports

Cross country will be running alongside this term's interschool sport program on Friday the 14 May. Good luck to all students selected to represent our school. Our Winter sports include soccer, football and netball. Students have tried out for the teams and those who have made a team have been notified. Permission notes for students competing in interschool sports will be sent home early this term. This note needs to be signed and returned to school. Students not participating in Interschool Sport will be participating in a school based sport program.

Integrated Curriculum – Our Business

This term's unit on 'Our business' explores the concepts of economic supply, demand, scarcity, consumption and production. Students will be learning about how economic and financial relationships influence the design and production of goods and services. To assist children with their understandings they will be expected to plan and set up their own small business, with the intention of raising a small amount. Whole-class, small-group and individual tasks will support students to answer the following key questions:

- What are supply, demand and scarcity?
- Why do I have to make choices as a consumer?
- Why do businesses exist and how do they provide me with goods and services?
- What factors influence my choices and what are the possible effects of my consumer and financial choices? (I.e. scams, hoaxes and misleading sales advertisements?)
- What skills and behaviours should a successful entrepreneur have?

