Welcome Back!!!! We hope you all had a refreshing holiday break and are now ready for a productive year with lots of collaborative learning.

The Year 5/6 newsletter will come home fortnightly throughout the year to keep everyone updated. Remember though, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, the teachers are always happy to speak with you. We are always looking for parents to help out and assist in the classroom, so please speak to your teacher if you have time.

Happy Birthday to our January birthday students:
4th—Jamie Pether
6th—Ella Ablett
6th—James Kelly
8th—Joe Frether
10th—Tahlia Wilson
13th—Angus Harrabin
14th—Ethan Liu
16th—Asif Ahmed
17th—Mawi Te
19th—Lacey Harreren
24th—Niesha Feng-Norton
24th—Brad Von Etzen
27th—Olivia Henry
28th—Finlay Wright
30th—Abbianca Tang and also the February students for the next two weeks:
9th—Charlotte Stuart
10th—Olivia Mooney
11th—Emilie Young
15th—Lisa Filkin
16th—Joseph Shobrook
19th—David Xia
21st—Nathan Tay
21st—Graydon Keane
22nd—Olivia Tallday

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The Year 5/6 Team

We are pleased to welcome Mr Greaves to the Year 5/6 team
Mrs Frith (56F—Room 19)
Mr Kim (56K—Room 20)
Mr Greaves (56G—Room 21)
Miss Beddome (56B—Room 22)
Mr MacCartney (56M—Room 23)
Mrs Gordon

This week will commence our formal program with structured learning in Literacy, Numeracy and Integrated Studies. We will be continuing with Interloct, starting off 2DGs with the Identity unit which helps students to clarify who they are as a person and see how they fit into their world. We will be watching the movie ‘The Blind Side’, so please return your permission form ASAP.

Year 6 Student Leadership Day

This is an exciting time for the Year 6 students to think about what leadership positions they would like to be involved in this year. The leadership day will look at what makes a good leader and the roles and responsibilities of each position. The students will write a letter of application which will be completed at school. The process of electing the candidates begins next week.

Important Dates:
Tuesday 10th—Year 6 Leadership Day
12th–13th—School Captain interviews
Friday 13th—School Captain speeches at Year 5/6 Assembly
Thursday 19th—JSC Elections
Friday 20th—House Captains

SPECIAL REMINDERS

We ask that all students abide by the following:
• School hats must be worn from September to April and especially during Level 4 sport.
• Students are to stay away from another student’s bike/scooter or to play near the bike stands. Please do not ride your scooter in the school grounds.
• Fashion jewellery, nail polish and coloured headbands (other than navy blue, gold and white) are not part of the uniform policy.
• All students must not be inside the Annex at recess or lunch time without the supervision of a teacher.

Interschool Sport

Congratulations to all the students who were placed in a team for the summer Interschool Sport season. A designated practice day for each sport will be Tuesdays first half of lunch.
Cricket (Mr. MacCartney)
Hot Shots Tennis (TBA)
Basketball (Miss Beddome)
T-Ball (Mr. Kim)

Volley Stars (Mrs. Frith)
Rouners (Mr. Henson)

Those students not wishing to participate in Summer Sport plus the remaining Year 5 students will be participating in a sport program with Mr Greaves.
Mr Henson has sent home a form, giving details of the Summer Interschool Sport Program and the costs involved. Students are asked to return their forms and payment by Wednesday 11th February please.

If you would like to be chosen in the Swimming Carnival, please give Mr Henson your events and lap times by Tuesday 10th February.

Chess Club—commences on Friday 6th February 2015. It is held on Friday afternoons from 3.30-4.30 pm in Rooms 19 and 20. The cost is $50 for Term I. All students are welcome to join. Forms are available from the front office.

Buddies—By now Year 5/6 grades will have had an opportunity to meet their new buddies for 2015. Once buddies are paired up, the students will be writing an invitation to their buddies and their parents to join them in the Buddy Picnic on Wednesday 4th March.

Nude Food—continues on Tuesdays (or every day for that matter). We encourage students to pack their snack and lunch in a reusable container/lunch box. Reducing our rubbish is helping us to care for our environment. As part of our Anaphylaxis procedures, we ask that you do not include any nut products (e.g. peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches).
Thank you for your consideration with this as it has life-threatening ramifications for some students.

HOMEWORK

Tasks—Due Friday 22nd February

Please complete the following tasks:

Remember you have two weeks to complete all tasks. Therefore the teachers are expecting your work to be your best work.

All About Me

Make a mini movie, PowerPoint presentation, poster or booklet about yourself. You could focus on your home, your family and pets, your hobbies, sports, achievements, holiday destination, likes or dislikes etc.

Share your presentation with the class.

Maths Quiz

1. 9 + 9 + 9 =
2. Is 1 ⅓ closer to 1 or 2?
3. $5.00 – $3.50 =
4. 1m = ? cm
5. Is A or G symmetrical?
6. 38 + 5 = ? r ?
7. 5, 25, 50, 55, ?
8. If the date is 27 October, the date in 5 days will be?
9. Write the numeral one thousand and nineteen.
10. Is a cube 2D or 3D?

General Knowledge Quiz

1. What is the most powerful piece in chess?
2. Which is the longest snake?
3. What does a thermometer measure?
4. Where are the Victoria Falls?
5. What kind of animal is Moby Dick?
6. Which alphabet begins with the letter alpha?
7. How many states and territories are in Australia? What is the capital of Australia?
8. Which elephants have larger ears? African or Indian?
9. How many bones do adults have?
10. What is a space probe?

Leadership Poster

(only for those who want to apply)

If you would like to apply for JSC or House Captain, then you will have to create a poster about yourself. Include a picture of yourself and words to describe your qualities that will make people want to elect you.

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