

The 5/6 News/Homework Sheet

15th February 2019

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

The Year 5&6 newsletter is posted on the school website and on Compass and its' purpose is to keep everyone updated. Remember if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions the teachers are always happy to speak with you.

Buddies—Last week the Year 5&6 grades had their first opportunity to meet their new buddies for 2019. The students will shortly be writing an invitation to their buddies and their parents to join them at the forthcoming **Buddy Picnic**.

Tissues—We greatly appreciate a donation of one box of tissues per child for their classroom. This helps us get through the Winter months when colds and coughs become more prevalent.

New classrooms—We are very excited about the current progress of our new classrooms. At this stage we expect to be moving into our new classrooms by the end of the term or the beginning of Term 2. As there are only 4 classrooms in the new building, 56A will be moving into the main building in Room 2 while the other four classes will change to the new classrooms. Exciting development ahead for our school.

High School Transition

Julia Broughan is once again our high school transition coordinator this year. We are currently waiting on further information and dates. When we have them, we will share them with you.

Parent Information Night

We will be holding a parent information night later this term. We will notify you of the date closer to the time. We will be covering topics such as high school transition, homework, expectations of the Year 5&6 level and sport.

The Year 5&6 team:

- 56A—Mrs Hopkins (Rm 22 & 2)
- 56B—Ms Broughan (Rm 19 & 17)
- 56C—Mr Greaves (Rm 21 & 18)
- 56D—Mr Shattock (Rm 23 & 19)
- 56E—Mrs. Watson (M-W) & Mrs. Steer (Th-F) (Rm 24 & 20)

The classrooms show their current room plus the room we will be moving to once the new building is complete.

We are also very fortunate to have **Mrs Brown** working up in the Annex in Mr Shattock's class. As a team, we value parent support and welcome any assistance in the classroom or in specialists, especially in Year 5&6 sport.

We invite all parents to come up and visit us in the Annex and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Hats, Art Smocks & Music Bags—This is a friendly reminder that all students need a school hat when playing outside during the months of September and April (that is 8 months of the year!).

Also please ensure your child has brought their art smock for the year and bring their music bags on Tuesday for their Performing Arts classes.

eSmart Digital Licence

This term all grade 5/6s will be working towards their eSmart Digital Licence, designed by the Alannah and Madeleine Foundation. This is a school-based program to ensure that students are aware of cyber safety guidelines, protecting their personal details and what to do if they witness any inappropriate behaviour online.



Inter-School 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 Shattock)

Softcrosse (Mr. Henson)

Basketball (Mrs. Watson/Mrs. Steer)

T-Ball (Mrs Hopkins)

Volley Bounce (Mr Greaves)

Hot Shots (Mr Elliott)

The students who are not participating in ISS will be supervised by Ms. Broughan. They will be participating in structured games and skills sessions in this time.

Year 6 Student Leadership

We are currently going through the student leadership process for the year. It is a very difficult task as we have many outstanding applicants for a limited amount of positions. Well done to all students for having a go! We can currently congratulate our new school captains

School Captains: Lani Quick-Bucella & Campbell Young

Vice Captains: Lily Knowles & Ashley Sharkey

We plan to have all other positions filled in the next week and will notify you in the newsletter and at assemblies of their success.

Important Dates

February 22—Buddy Picnic @ GRPS playground.

March 12—Cross Country @ GRPS

March 13—Easter lunch order

March 14—School Fun/Colour Run

HOMEWORK

Term 1 Homework Expectations

1. *We strongly encourage all students to read 20-30 minutes a night and record this in their student diaries.*
2. *Students are encouraged to fill diaries with important dates, events and other reminders.*
3. *Parents are to check and sign student diaries by Monday the following week.*
4. *Students may also complete any Essential Assessment or Study ladder tasks online set for them by their class teacher.*
5. *Students will bring home a research booklet about themselves and record information about events in their life.*