

GRADE 6 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 2, 2018 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to all of our Grade 6 students and parents to a term full of many outstanding learning experiences.

Term 2 dates to remember

Monday 23rd April - Gr 3-6 House Cross Country

Wednesday 25th April - ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 1st & Wed 2nd May - School Photos

Friday 4th May - Winter Interschool Sport begins

Thursday 17th May - Shrine of Remembrance Excursion (no cost)

Thursday 7th June - Winter Sport Lightning Premiership

Monday 11th June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 12th June - Curriculum Day - No Students to attend

Wednesday 20th June - Excursion to Immigration Museum

Monday 25th & Tues 26st June - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 29th June - Last day of Term 2 (1:40pm dismissal)

Transition from Year 6 to Year 7

Every student in Year 6 will receive a "Transition to Year 7" form shortly. It is important that these notes are returned to your classroom teacher by the date listed. You must enter THREE options on the application form, as although every effort will be made to accommodate first preferences, it may not be possible. Secondary placements are not decided by Bellbridge PS. We provide communication and documentation as required by the Department, and have no decision-making responsibilities over where our students are placed.

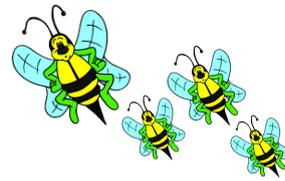
Grade 6 Camp - Mt. Morton 17th Sept - 21st Sept

This year the Grade 6 School Camp will be held at Mt. Morton Camp, and takes place from Mon. 17th - Fri. 21st Sept. This five day camp is an incredibly rewarding and memorable experience and we hope all of our Grade 6 students can attend. An 'Expression of Interest' and deposit form will be sent home later this term with details of costs, in addition to a parent-helper expression of interest form.



Interschool Sport

Students will continue to participate in Interschool Sport this term, with the focus moving to our winter sports competition. The sports include Netball, Soccer, Softball, Football and Volleyball. Sport will run every Friday as it did for our summer rotations, with students training or participating in practice matches with Truganina South PS, culminating in a Gala Day of Lightning Premierships on the 7th June. Please ensure all jerseys, boots or equipment necessary are at school for these dates.



Netbooks

Students will continue developing their ICT skills through our excellent netbook program. Please ensure all home users bring their netbooks to school fully charged.

Ongoing communication - Student Diaries

Diaries have been given to all students and we ask that they are checked and signed by parents each week. This is a great way for the students to organise their school and homework demands, also ensuring parents and teachers have effective two-way communication with each other. Students are expected to have the diary with them at school every day. We ask parents/guardians to sign their child's diary each week as it will be checked and signed off by the classroom teacher.

Communication with the classroom teacher

If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please feel free to arrange an appropriate meeting time. Problems are usually easier to resolve if they are dealt with promptly. School starts for all students at 8:20am and if your child is absent/sick/late, can you please contact the office and advise us in writing.

Term 2- Units

Inquiry topic - The Changing Face of Australia

This term will have a history focus to our study. Students will look at how Australia became a nation, how Australian society changed, who migrated to Australia, and how significant groups and people have influenced the development of Australia. This inquiry topic will also involve excursions in the term to the Shrine of Remembrance and Immigration Museum in Melbourne.

English

During reading in Term 2, the students will continue to develop their reading comprehension strategies and skills, interpreting and presenting their thoughts across different fiction and non-fiction text types. This will include oral presentations, research reports and relevant note taking, closely aligned with our inquiry unit focus, with our writing genres being historical narratives and information reports.

Mathematics

Students will work at an ability-based level, consolidating and developing their understanding in number and the application to a variety of mathematical problems. We will continue work with regular problem-solving and weekly math challenges. Focus areas for this term will include fractions, decimals, percentages, area, volume and problem solving strategies.

We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you throughout Term 2 and for the remainder of 2018.

Regards, Grade 6 Team