

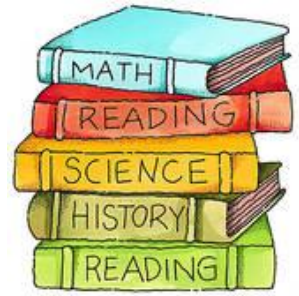
Class of




Bellbridge Primary School
Individual Paths, United Journey

GRADE 6 INFORMATION BOOKLET

2015



The Grade 6 team welcomes all students and parents to this very important and exciting final year of primary school.

The grades are as follows:

Grade 6A, Rm. 10: Mrs Luisa McLean

Grade 6B, Rm. 11: Miss Sarah Cue

Grade 6C, Rm. 12: Mr Malcolm Sutherland

Thank you to all those parents who made sure that their child had a hat, art smock, library bag and tissue box on the first day of school. If any of these items have been overlooked, we would very much appreciate them being brought into school as soon as possible to ensure a smooth and happy start to the year for students....and their teachers! 😊

Some key dates for your diaries this term:

Friday 13th February - Swimming Carnival (selected students)

Mon. 16th & Tues. 17th February - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 20th February – Interschool Sport begins

Thursday 5th March – School Photos

Monday 9th March - Labour Day Holiday

Friday 20th March - School Carnival

Friday 27th March - Last day of Term 1

Parent/Teacher Meetings

In order to provide the best learning opportunities for your child, we want to ensure the best home-school partnership possible. We are therefore keen for all parents to meet with their child's classroom teacher at the start of the year, to discuss any concerns and plan the best learning environment for your child. We look forward to meeting you (notes to follow soon).

Secondary School

As this is your child's final year of primary school, hopefully some thought has been made regarding a secondary school. We strongly encourage you to visit the information nights offered by the secondary schools in the area to get a feel for which school is right for your child. A number of the schools in this area

are zoned, so please ensure you are eligible for your choice of school and contact the individual secondary schools for their information nights, as all of these are early in the year. Preference forms will be sent home towards the end of Term 1 to be completed.

Netbooks

The Grade 6s will be straight into the netbook program, building on the great work and skill development done over the last two years. Please ensure home users bring their netbooks to school each day, fully charged.



We look forward to full participation in our netbook program, including use of weekly homework tasks. Those parents who paid \$60 before the holidays can still get the discounted annual cost, by paying the remaining \$140 by Week 2. (Remember if you have participated in the program throughout the program, full ownership will shift to the student at the end of this year.)

Homework

Homework will begin in Week 2, with homework standards being set up, in class, in Week 1. Homework will be handed out throughout the course of the week with reasonable time frames given for specific tasks. **It will also include netbook options for those who have use of netbooks at home.**



Homework expectations are:

Daily: To read for 30 mins (noted in diary and parent signed).

Weekly: Complete classwork tasks in time frames assigned (may be daily or weekly) in preparation for secondary school homework expectations.

Homework should not be stressful or too time consuming. The activities support what is being done in class and students should aim to complete each task to the best of their ability.

Class Supplies - All students have been provided with their initial classroom supplies. Students are responsible for all their stationary requirements, if these items are used or lost replacements will need to be provided from home.

Ongoing communication - Student Diaries

Diaries will be 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

school and homework demands, also ensuring parents and teachers have effective two-way communication. Students are expected to have the diary with them at all times. We ask a parent/guardian to sign the 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/s, please feel free to arrange an appropriate meeting time. ***Problems are usually easier to resolve if they are dealt with promptly.***

If your child is absent/sick/late, please inform us in writing so that the office can maintain up-to-date records.

Term 1 Inquiry topic - Energy

A science focus, looking at electricity (electrical circuits) and other forms of renewable and sustainable energy, will be our first inquiry topic. Students will be involved in calculating their carbon footprint and looking at ways they can effectively reduce it.



Grade 6 Leadership

Students in Grade 6 have the privileged responsibility of being the leaders of our school. During transition last year, students were offered an opportunity to compete for one of the official leadership roles this year. This was an arduous process of preparing and presenting a speech to their peers for a class nomination, followed by an interview with Mrs Clancy and Mrs Hunt, and the finalists speaking in front of all of the Grade 5 and 6 students, finishing with a vote. Congratulations to all the students participating as the quality of all were outstanding.

Leadership Team

Tanya Mapon (Captain), Jacob Millar (Captain)
Divyangana Dutta Rao, Jai Rauner-Smith, Paige Simpson, Veronika Yarshevich

House Captains-

Coker - Dakota Scott, Eden James
Middleton - Shanan Bahadur, Jack Contreras
Hughes - Kirsty Matapa, Aaron Shaw
Gillard - Aidan Ianniello, Cooper Burney

Specialist Programs

Students will attend specialist classes in the areas of P.E., Art, Library Studies and Performing Arts. These will be rotated throughout the year, with students having three specialist sessions per week. Look out for the Specialists' newsletter each term, for more information on what is being covered.

Grade 6 Camp - Mt. Morton 14th Sept - 18th Sept

This year the Grade 6 School Camp will be held at Mt. Morton Camp (Mel Ref: 84 D3). This is a five-day camp and takes place from Mon. 14th – Fri. 18th Sept. The cost has been approximately \$300, but will be advised closer to Term 3. We hope as many children as possible will be able to participate in this positive experience and we will be sending out notes of interest in Term 2.



School Times

School starts for all students at 8:20am and it's important that all students are here on time, as in addition to classroom learning, each grade is assigned two Prep Buddy grades to read with each morning. This has been a very successful program that builds connections across year levels, responsibility and communications skills.



*****Late arrival can seriously hinder a student's progress and will make it hard to settle into the daily routines.*****

School Wide Positive Behaviours & Earn and Learn

*Be SAFE Be RESPECTFUL
Be RESPONSIBLE Be a LEARNER*



In keeping with the establishment of the whole school approach to student well-being, Grade 6 students will be involved in discussing common rights and responsibilities and how these impact on classrooms, the Grade 6 Learning Zone and the school in general. Students will receive rewards through collecting individual BEE tokens.

We look forward to working in partnership with you this year and having a very successful 2015 year.

Regards, Grade 6 Team. 😊