

# GRADE 6 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 1 2021 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians

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 21:** Mr Malcolm Sutherland    **Grade 6B, Rm 19:** Mr Sean Clancy  
**Grade 6C, Rm 20:** Ms Lauren Ewen        **Tutor Learning Initiative:** Shannon Parker

Thank you to all those parents who made sure that their child had a hat, art smock and library bag 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 start to the year for our students.

## KEY DATES

Tue 9/2 - Safer Internet Day

Mon 15/2-Tue 16/2 - Parent-Teacher Conversations (PSD-funded SSGs this week also)

Mon 8/3 - LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY (No school)

Fri 19/3 - National Ride 2 School Day

Week 9 - Sport Gala Day

Fri 1/4 - Free Dress Day & Last day of term (1:40 dismissal)

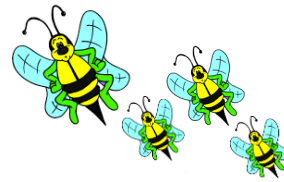
*\*Keep up to date with key dates by looking at the front page of the monthly school newsletter, and referring to our school website's calendar.*

## ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

Parent attendance at school assemblies was not able to continue for most of last year, and we will need to continue in this way until further notice.

Assemblies will be held for staff and students using Microsoft Teams video meetings or the gym according to health advice - at approx. 1:50pm on the following Fridays, except the last day of term - as communicated closer to the date.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
29/1	5/2	12/2	19/2	26/2	5/3	12/3	19/3	26/3	1/4
No assembly	3-6	P-2	3-6	P-2	3-6	P-2	3-6	P-2	P-6 (Thurs)



### 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 Wyndham are only able to take students from within their designated neighbourhood area, so please ensure you are eligible for your choice of school and contact the individual secondary schools for details on their information nights, as all of these occur early in the year. Preference forms will be sent home towards the end of Term 1 to be completed.

### Weebly

As part of the ongoing development of our student's computer literacy, each student will create their own 'Weebly' webpage to share work they have completed through the course of the year. This program is password protected and requires parental consent, this will be posted shortly, please read the detailed explanation of this program and complete consent on Compass. If you have any further enquiries, please ask your classroom teacher.

### Mobile Phones

In accordance with school policy, all mobile phones (and smart watches) will be handed in to the office on arrival at school each morning and collected in the afternoon. Any urgent information requiring communication to your child through the course of the day can be made through our office.

### Grade 6 Leadership

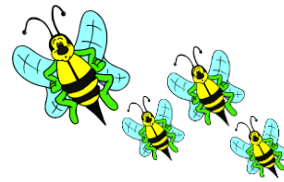
Students in Grade 6 have the privileged responsibility of being the leaders of our school. During transition last year, students were offered an opportunity to compete for one of the official leadership roles this year. This involved a process of preparing and presenting a speech to their peers for a class nomination, followed by an interview with Mrs Clancy and Mrs Lester, 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 badges will be presented at assembly on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February.**

### Leadership Team

Johanna Ku	Mia Sobing	Savannah Brcic
Jack Plowright	Kai Grant	Joy Akhwar

### House Captains-

**Gillard:** Zaim Cekovic & Alyssa Gorniakowski **Hughes:** Danisha Tran & Summer Beintema  
**Middleton:** Shanali Naidu & Walied El-Hawli **Coker:** Jasper Chiong & Jake Gorman



### **Grade 6 Hoodies & Polo Shirts**

The Grade 6 students have the opportunity to order a unique hoodie or polo shirt to celebrate their final year of primary school. These are not compulsory though are typically a very popular and practical memento of their time at school. We have had an outstanding number of families take advantage of our early order process last year, and will shortly begin a final opportunity to order these items directly through Noone Hoppers Crossing store (54 Old Geelong Rd, Hoppers Crossing) with receipt due early Term 2. Please note that the school's uniform policy will apply: "Hoods on 'hoodies' are to be worn off the head whilst at school." Of course, students may wear that hood out of school hours, such as to/from school.

### **Interschool Sport**

Students in Grade 6 will participate in summer and winter sports competition against other schools. This competition will run through the course of Term 1, with weekly practise and trials against Truganina South Primary School to prepare our teams for a single day carnival, which decides district champions. Permissions and costs will be uploaded to Compass shortly.

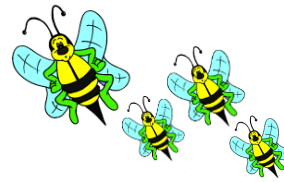
### **School Times**

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 a Prep Buddy grade 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.\****

### **RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS**

Respectful Relationships is an initiative to support schools and early childhood education settings promote and model respect and equality. It also supports educators to teach our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence. There are 8 topics addressed every year from P-6. This term, the Grade 6 students will engage in lessons from the underlined topic/s below:

1. Emotional Literacy
2. Personal Strengths
3. Positive Coping
4. Problem-Solving
5. Stress Management
6. Help-seeking
7. Gender and Identity
8. Positive gender relations



### **TERM 1 INQUIRY UNIT: The Changing Colonies**

During Term 1 we will be looking at Australian history and changes to the colony leading to Federation of Australia. Students will learn about the development of Australia, changes in daily life of the people and reasons for the creation of Australia as a single country.

### **ENGLISH IN TERM 1**

During reading in Term 1, students will develop their reading comprehension strategies and skills, interpreting and presenting their thoughts across different fiction and non-fiction text types. This will include expressing and supporting opinions, oral presentations, research and relevant note taking. Our writing units will complement these to include personal recount, explanation and persuasive writing, and an ongoing focus on developing increasing complexity in drafted writing tasks.

### **MATHEMATICS IN TERM 1**

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 place value, operations, temperature and problem-solving strategies.

We look forward to working in partnership with you this year and having a very successful 2021.

*Regards, Grade 6 Team.* ☺