

GRADE 6 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 1, 2023 ~

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 19: Miss Jessica Fanning **Grade 6B, Rm 20:** Mrs Brigitte Bentley
Grade 6C, Rm 21: Mr Malcolm Sutherland **Grade 6D, Rm 22:** Miss Paige Leary

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:

Tuesday 7/2 Safer Internet Day

Friday 10/2 Grade 3-6 Swimming Competition

Monday 20/2 & Tuesday 21/2 Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday 6/3 to Friday 10/3 Buddies Week (wear a touch of purple on Monday)

Monday 13/3 Labour Day Public Holiday

Thursday 30/3 TBC Gala Day

Tuesday 4/4 Cross Country

Friday 24/3 National Ride to School Day

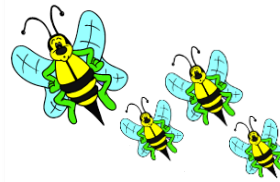
Thursday 6/4 Last day of Term 1 (1:40pm dismissal)

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

ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

Assemblies will be held at approx. 1:50pm each Friday, except the last day of term (1:10pm start on Thursday 6/4). Assemblies will be held in the Courtyard (until further notice) and parents are welcome to attend. Please just avoid entering the school grounds until the students have gone into classrooms following the lunch break. There is no need to sign in/out at the office, just head directly to the Courtyard.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
3/2	10/2	17/2	24/2	3/3	10/3	17/3	24/3	31/3	6/4
No assembly	P-2	3-6	P-2	3-6	P-2	3-6	P-2	3-6	P-6



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

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

The Resilience Project is a means of promoting positive mental health through practising gratitude, empathy, resilience and emotional literacy. P-6 classes engage in weekly lessons, which involve students completing an associated journal activity. The Resilience Project lessons align with the Victorian Curriculum and address aspects of: Personal and Social Capabilities and Health and Physical Education learning areas. If you'd like to see how to support this program at home, visit: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/>.

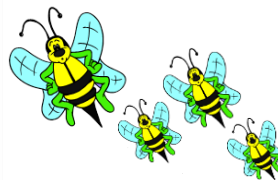
Grade 6 Camp - Wombat Corner, Emerald 31st May - 2nd June

This year the Grade 6 School Camp will be held at Wombat Corner, Emerald. This is a three-day camp and takes place from Wednesday 31st May to Friday 2nd June. An 'Expressions of Interest' will be distributed early this term with a final total and a payment schedule to be sent out when numbers are confirmed. This is an incredibly rewarding and memorable experience, and we hope all of our Grade 6 students can attend.



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 early in Term 2. These will need to be completed and returned to school. An interactive map showing your closest secondary schools can be found at <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/>.



Mobile Phones

In accordance with school policy, all mobile phones (and smart watches) must 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, speaking in front of all of the future Grade 5 and 6 students where students voted and finally an interview with Miss Jarvis and Miss Leary. Congratulations to all the students who participated, as the quality of all were outstanding. **Leadership badges will be presented at assembly early in Term 1.**

School Captains

Kaashvi Jetiley	Gowtham Yalamakur	Aiden Shrestha
Zoya Sultana	Duli Dahanayake	Sarayu Hulsoor

House Captains

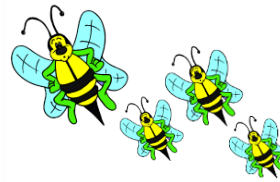
Gillard: Ryda Francis & Nathan Macabenta	Hughes: Alisha Lama & Yen Yen
Middleton: Nasser Nasser & Olive Sheridan-Morgan	Coker: Calvin Krull & Lilly Hamilton

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 at the end of term. This competition will run through the course of Term 1, with weekly practise to prepare our teams for a single day carnival, which decides district champions. Permissions and costs will be uploaded to Compass closer to the date.



INQUIRY in Term 1: The Changing Colonies

During Term 1, students 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 application of skills in changing situations. 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 2023.

Regards,

Miss Fanning (6A), Mrs Bentley (6B), Mr Sutherland (6C) and Miss Leary (6D)
2023 Grade 6 Teachers