

# Year 5 Newsletter

## Term 2 2018

Well we survived Term 1 and are ready for another fun-filled term in Year 5. There's certainly a lot happening this term...swimming, inter-school sport, Brighton Cluster days, Naplan and camp.

Some of the great things that happened in Term 1 include the Year 5 students planning and leading the Stations of the Cross for the whole school, which was a great success and received a lot of positive feedback from all who experienced it. We had Year 5 students representing St Finbar's in swimming, soccer and chess. The students collaborated on their Sphero projects, we had our first Year 5 Mass, the inter-house Athletics carnival and we finished off the term with the Walk-a-Thon.

As we start the new term we'd like to remind you that:

- Reading diaries/folders should be brought to school every day
- Maths Mate is due in every Friday
- Homework is due in every second Friday
- Sports Uniform Days are:

5A Tuesday (PE with Mrs Allen) and Friday (inter-school sport)

5H Wednesday (PE with Mrs Allen) and Friday (inter-school sport)

Please have your Seesaw notifications turned on so that you can be alerted when your child posts something new (and hopefully write a comment). The teachers may also use Seesaw to send out class announcements/reminders which you may miss if your notifications aren't turned on.



# Important Term 2 dates

## April

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 2 begins Year 5 Swimming begins
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC Day Mass – 9.15am
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sports

## May

Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Brighton Student Cluster – Year 5 & 6
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sports
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day breakfast and stall Year 5 & 6 Interschool Sports
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	School Photo Day
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	District Cross Country

## June

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Mass Feast of the Sacred Heart 9:15am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Lightning Premiership Netball
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Lightning Premiership Football
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Camp
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Teacher interviews Early dismissal 2pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Teacher Interviews Early dismissal 2pm
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	End of Term 2 2:00pm





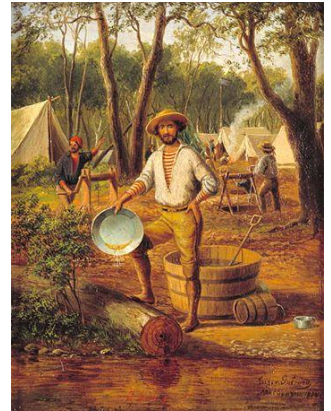
# Faith Life Inquiry

Our Term 2 Faith Life unit will be based around the History strand of the Victorian Curriculum.

The students will be producing their own Australian History picture story book, writing the text and illustrating a book that will include information on the major events between about 1850 and 1950, such as the discovery of gold in Victoria, the Eureka Stockade and Federation.

Students will be taught research skills whilst they are working on the text of the book, including using credible sources, checking the accuracy of their information and crediting all sources that they use through the use of a bibliography.

Our unit will culminate in our visit to Sovereign Hill where the students will be immersed in 1850s life in the goldfields.



## Maths

We will continue to have a strong focus on Maths in Term 2. The main topics we will be covering include:

Number and Algebra

Fractions and Decimals

Measurement and Geometry

2D shapes

Area and perimeter

Measuring mass and capacity

Please continue to practise those multiplication facts (times tables) regularly as well as the inverse operation division facts. We cannot emphasise enough how important these are for all areas of Maths and it is an expectation that students in Year 5 will be fluent in their times tables. There are plenty of great Apps available that are a simple but effective way of sneaking in some extra practice.



# Literacy

In Term 2 we will be continuing to follow the *Seven Steps of Writing*, but with an emphasis on the Narrative genre. We look forward to reading some entertaining stories, as students practise the skills of 'Tightening Tension' and 'Show, Don't Tell' into their writing. There will be an emphasis on the students editing their own writing and improving it by using rich vocabulary.

As a school we are participating in the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge. The students will be encouraged to read voraciously, challenging themselves to read a wider variety of books. Regular sessions will be planned and taught to cover the rules of spelling, punctuation and grammar.



# Interschool Sports

During Term 2 our Year 5 and Year 6 students participate in a weekly Winter Sport Interschool Football and Netball competition against other District schools. The students enjoy this opportunity to meet and interact with other local school students whom they may meet as they move onto Secondary school. Each student will have a choice of which sport they wish to play. Full sport uniform will be required on these days. Football players will require school football socks and a mouthguard. A football jumper will be given to each student involved, this must be returned upon completion of the competition.



# Naplan

The dates for Naplan are 15<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> May. Whilst we will be preparing the students as well as we can with lots of example questions, we will not be putting undue pressure on the students to perform and we ask that you support this at home.

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