

Class 5/6 Newsletter

30 January 2019

Be a Learner

Be Respectful

Be Safe

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Welcome to 2019! I am looking forward to supporting your child throughout the year.

Our class structure for this year is:

Yr 5- 14 students

Yr 6- 13 students

Communication between school and home, is highly regarded, so please contact me if you have concerns regarding your child's social, emotional and academic development. An Information evening will be held on Wednesday 13 February in the classroom at 7.00 pm. I will discuss the class routine and specific learning programs that will support your child throughout the year.

Parent/ teacher meetings are planned later in the term where we will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress as well as assessment results from assessments that will take place over the coming weeks. However, you do not need to wait until then to discuss any issues. I am available from 8.00 most mornings and after 4.00pm (except Tuesdays).

Attendance

It is a department requirement that students attend school daily, and that the school is notified indicating illness or leave. If the school does not receive notification, the absence will be recorded as unexplained. Thank you for your support in advance.

Resources

Our class resources have been distributed to the students today. Students who wish to cover books may take books home to cover. Please ensure all books are returned each day as they may be required for lessons. Students are expected to look after their books.

The cost for the class book pack is \$80.00 which also includes costs involved with photocopying and technology. We appreciate your support with payment using the parent online payment system. Please note that the school does not ask for other payments via family contributions.

Weekly routine – RFF/ Release

Tuesday	9.25- 10.25 10.25-11.25	Science (Mrs Lord) History/ Geography (Mrs Kelsall)
Wednesday	9.25 – 3.10	Mrs Kelsall

Wednesday & Friday

- * Library day- This involves the changing of library books.
- * Coding- Mr Johnson will take the class for coding.

Team teaching

Mrs Simpson will be working in the class room during the literacy session Mon- Thurs. The focus will be on writing as well as supporting the guided reading groups.

School Choir

Mrs Curran will coordinate the school choir this year. Students will have the opportunity to participate in the choir on Tuesday afternoons after recess.

Home work

Homework will commence next week 4 February. Homework will be handed out each Monday and needs to be returned by Friday. Students will complete a mathematics worksheet which is related to the concept taught in class for that fortnight. Students should practise tables, particularly ones that are not automatically recalled (within 3 secs). Spelling words may also be practised for the spelling test each Friday. The weekly spelling lists are derived from the Spelling Mastery lessons for that week. Students are expected to be reading nightly. The students will also have some research tasks to complete to support their learning in History/ Geography and Science/ technology. Information regarding research homework will be sent home in advance.

Code of conduct

Over the coming week our class will be focussing on our school's expectations so that all students understand what is expected in the way of appropriate conduct and ensure that students can learn and achieve in a safe and supportive classroom. The students will continue to participate in our positive rewards system, however if necessary, consequences for inappropriate behaviour will also be implemented and parents informed.

Water watch

Finally, due to the dry weather we ask families to be conscious of suspicious vehicles in front of the school's water tanks or on school property. Unfortunately, we have had water stolen over the holiday period. Please contact the police. This is obviously a burden on the school as we cannot operate without water for drinking and toilets.

The students are encouraged to bring drink bottles to school. These may be left in all classrooms for drinking.

Regards,

Pauline Houghton

Upcoming events – February

Friday 8 – SRC Elections

Monday 11 – Tregeagle District Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 13 – Parent Information Evening 5/6 classroom 7.00pm

Thursday 21 – SRC Induction Assembly 2.30pm

Wednesday 27 - NRPSSA Swimming Carnival Alstonville