

# Sensational Seaford Seniors



## INQUIRY

Welcome to an exciting 2018!

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas with family and friends and a chance to relax.

Our first unit of inquiry focuses around the central idea of 'Living things adapt to survive'.

Students will be busy investigating the following questions:

What is the environment?

What are living things?

How have living things adapted to an environment?

What impact would a change in the environment have on living things?

Throughout our inquiry we will be focusing on the IB attributes, attitudes and skills of:

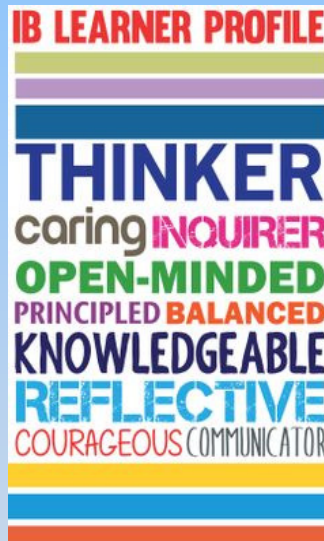
The Attitudes of Respect and Confidence

The Attributes of being an Inquirer and knowledgeable

The skills of collecting data, time management and analysis.

Each class has been busy unpacking our school mission statement and creating an essential agreement that will set the expectations for the year. Students are involved in discussing and agreeing on what they expect of each other in our learning space and on the

playground. Finished agreements will be sent home on completion for parents to view.



## Upcoming Events

Kids on Track— Grade 5 (Term 1)	Monday & Tuesday
Swimming Trials	15th Feb.
Meet and Greet	19th and 20th Feb
District Swimming	2nd March
Family Fun Night	.8th March
Labor Day	12th March
Photo Day	13th March
Lightning Premiership	23rd-March
End of Term	Thur. 29th March

## HOMEWORK

Homework is an important part of being in Grade 5 and 6. Students develop organisational skills and learn how to complete tasks independently and manage their time effectively.

Throughout the year students will have weekly tasks to complete as well as Passion Projects.

Weekly homework will be handed out each Monday and due back the following Monday.

Tasks involve a Math Mate worksheet; regular reading, and spelling and vocabulary activities.

All **tasks must be completed** each week.

In addition to this, students are encouraged to log on and use Literacy Planet and Mathletics.

## Important Information

- We have students in 5/6 who have an allergy to nuts. Please be aware of this when packing snack and lunches for school.
- Return Technology acceptable use policy
- Bring in an art smock.
- Remember to bring a drink bottle to school everyday to stay hydrated.
- Students with shoulder length hair need to ensure it is tied up.
- Appropriate jewellery such as watches and small earrings (studs) are suitable for school.

## Class Dojo

Teachers will be using class dojo to assist students in monitoring their behaviour. Each child can log in and keep track of their behaviour at anytime.

This is a great communication tool for teachers to use by sharing what is happening in class through 'Class Story' .

Parents are also able to log in and are welcome to contact teachers. Please understand that teachers will respond to you during school hours .

At home you can talk to your child and ask them questions such as what they

have enjoyed, what they learnt, how well they listened and focused on their learning. This will help them to self reflect.

Class diaries are also another way to communicate with teachers.



## Sport

Sport competition takes place each Friday morning. Summer sports involve basketball, cricket, rugby 7's and volleyball.

We play against other schools in the area, often travelling on Gus to compete.

In addition, students participate in a one day carnival called Lightning Premiership. These carnivals involve a round robin of games in one day. If teams perform well they are able to complete at the next level.

**Any parents who would like to help out with coaching please contact us.**

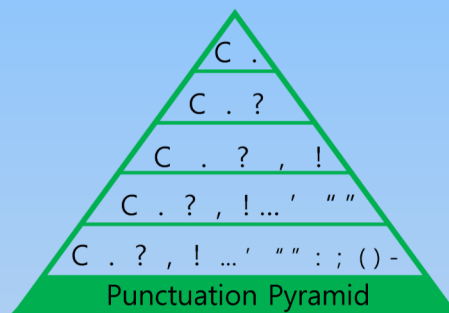
## Mathematics

Students will be involved in flexible groupings and inquiry based activities with all four Grade 5/6 teachers for Maths this year.

They will be taking part in pre test activities to find out what they already know so that teachers can plan for the next stage in their understanding of a concept.

Students will be involved in setting goals and monitoring their progress through the units of work.

Term 1 will begin with a focus on addition and subtraction, fractions and decimals along with length, area and perimeter.



## English

Throughout this term in writing the students will be looking into persuasive texts.

We look forward to reading their opinions and arguments when convincing us to agree with them!

In reading, students will be taking part in workshops. In the last week they have learnt how to PICK a text that is just right for them and the importance of 'accountable talk' when discussing texts with their peers.

Students have their own reading boxes and are encouraged to bring texts from home to read at school.

## Camp

Our 5/6 students will be heading to Woorabinda in Term 4 for camp.

We are looking forward to a range of exciting activities and outdoor experiences.

Information and pricing regarding the camp will be sent home later this term.



Have a look at the website:

<https://www.woorabindaschoolcamp.org/>

