INQUIRY

Welcome to an exciting 2016!
Teachers have been busy learning new skills and ways to deliver the International Baccalaureate curriculum to students.
In the last few weeks we have been busy unpacking the 10 learner profile attributes.
Students discussed, recorded, drew and participated in activities to share their understanding of each profile.
Throughout the year students will be striving to demonstrate how they use these 10 attributes both in and out of school.

Our first unit of inquiry focuses around the central idea of ‘Our resources will be totally depleted in our life time’.
Students will be busy investigating the following questions:
What are the different types of finite resources?
How do humans and nature impact on finite resources?
What responsibility do we have to decrease the use of finite resources?
Each class has been busy 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.

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 projects related to our unit of inquiry.
Weekly homework will be handed out each Monday and due back the following Monday.
Tasks involve discussions with family members to gather their ideas and learn different view points; a Mathsmate 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.

Upcoming Events

Meet and Greet 15th and 16th Feb.
PARC Swimming 18th Feb.
Family Fun Night 25th Feb.
School Athletics Carnival 4th March
Patterson River students visit the school 7th March
Photo Day 8th March
Lightning Premiership 11th March
Angelsea Camp 15th-18th March
End of Term Thur. 24th March

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.
- New bell times.
  ⇒ Start 9:00 am
  ⇒ Recess 10:40–11:10 am
  ⇒ Lunch 12:50–1:50 pm
  ⇒ Finish 3:30 pm
- Return Technology acceptable use policy
- Bring in an art smock.
**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 as soon as possible.

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.

**Mathematics**

Students will be involved in flexible groupings with all three 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 data and statistics, addition and subtraction along with fractions and decimals.

**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 Premierships. These carnivals involve a round robin of games in one day. If teams perform well they are able to complete at the next level.

**Writing**

Throughout this term in Literacy, the students will be looking into persuasive and narrative text types.

In writing, we will develop our Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation. With these four important elements of writing, students develop their skills to become more confident and competent writers.

We look forward to reading their opinions and arguments when convincing us to agree with them in their persuasive texts.

**Camp**

Camp is fast approaching and we are all getting excited about the brilliant activities and adventures we have lined up for everyone.

We will be learning from local ranges, going on a bushwalk and participating in beach activities along with archery, initiatives and ropes courses.

All notes, medical forms and dietary requirements are due 4th March.

Have a look at the website for further information.