



Sensational Seniors



Upcoming Events

District Swimming	19th Feb.
Meet and Greet	24th and 25th Feb.
Lightning Premiership	5th March
Lightning Premiership - Lawn bowls	6th March
Labour Day	9th March
Curriculum Day	10th March
Division Swimming	11th March
School Photos	17th March
Family Fun Night	19th March

INQUIRY

Welcome to an exciting 2020!

Our first unit of inquiry under the transdisciplinary theme of How the World Works focuses on the central idea : '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?

Students have been recording their own wonderings to inquire into such as:

Why are leaves different shades of green?

Why do some leaves have veins and others do not?

Can plants store water?

We have an exciting excursion planned for students where they will get up close to a variety of living things and discuss how they have adapted to their environment to ensure their survival.

Essential Agreement

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 environment.

They have been focusing their discussions on what is important to ensure everyone learns and what they value in each other.

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

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Sport competition takes place each Friday morning. Summer sports involve basketball, cricket, lawn bowls and volleyball.

We play against other schools in the area, often travelling by bus or walking in the case of lawn bowls.

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.

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 with a focus on the inquiry cycle.

Weekly homework will be handed out each Wednesday

and due back the following Wednesday.

Students will be using a display folder to keep all their homework in.

Tasks involve a Math Mate worksheet with maths facts and problem solving questions, regular reading and spelling activities.

Each class spent time discussing with students their ideas about homework and they brainstormed a range of

spelling activities they could do at home.

Students will be provided with time to begin their Maths Mate at school and ask teachers any questions they may have.

All tasks must be completed each week. Any students who do not have their homework completed will be provided with time and teacher support during lunch to have it finished.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- * When riding a bike or scooter to school students are required to wear helmets.
- * If parents require students to bring mobile phones to school each day they must be handed in at the office or given to classroom teachers each morning. Please refer to our mobile phone policy on the school webpage.
- * Some students in Grade 5/6 have nut allergies. Please be mindful of this when packing lunches.

Mathematics

Students will be involved in workshops and inquiry based activities for Maths this year.

Students will be setting goals for themselves and monitoring their progress through the units of work.

Term 1 will begin with a focus on group work and problem solving skills, addition and subtraction, fractions and decimals along with area.

Class Dojo

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

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

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

Class diaries are also another way to communicate with teachers.



Our 5/6 students will be heading to Woorabinda Camp 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:

Writing

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

They will be looking at different ways to brainstorm their ideas and record them.

Students will be focusing on building their vocabulary by using powerful words to create phrases as well as using a variety of simple, compound and complex sentences.

Our VCOP strategies will continue to support students with their writing.

Resilience Project

The Resilience project was a great success last year and will continue into 2020. Students will be participating in regular sessions with a focus on Empathy, Mindfulness, Gratitude and Emotional Literacy.

All students will need a Student Resilience Journal as part of the program.

If you have paid your 'Compulsory Levies - Essential Educational Items' for the year this is included or



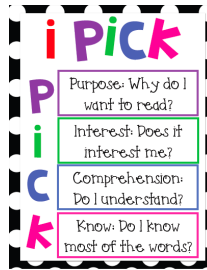
<https://www.woorabindaschoolcamp.org/>



Reading

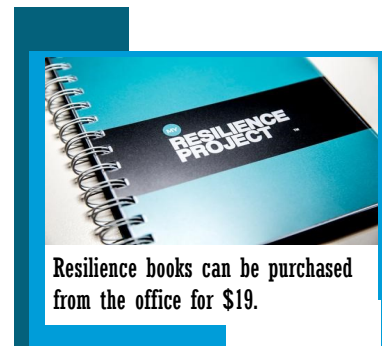
In reading, students will be taking part in workshops.

The year has begun with a focus on figurative language, inferring using background knowledge and clues from the text as well as asking themselves questions before, during and after reading.



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

you may purchase a journal from the office.



Resilience books can be purchased from the office for \$19.

Specialists

Students participate in specialist classes every Thursday. This semester they are involved in Science, Visual Arts, Mandarin and PE.

Library borrowing will take place on Wednesday.

If you have questions please feel free to contact classroom teachers to discuss them.