

**Welcome to
Grade 5/6**

Sensational Seniors

Term 1, 2023

**Seaford North
Primary School**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Interschool sport vs St Louis	17 Feb.
Interschool sport vs Seaford	24th Feb
Meet and Greetings	28th Feb & 1st March
District Swimming	3rd March
Interschool sport vs Cornish	10th March
NAPLAN begins	15th March
Interschool sport vs Bon-beach	17th March
Lightning Premiership	24th March
Labour Day	13th March

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. Please refer to our mobile phone policy on the school webpage.
- * Teachers have shared our school uniform policy with students to ensure they are wearing the correct uniform to school each day which includes tying up all hair that is shoulder length or longer.

ESSENTIAL AGREEMENTS

Welcome to an exciting 2023! Each class has begun the year by discussing how we can create a learning community this year where everyone feels safe and supported to do their best.

Class finished agreements will be sent home upon completion for parents to view.

Students have also been revising our IB learner profile attributes and thinking about the attributes they and others display.



INQUIRY

Our first unit of inquiry under the transdisciplinary theme of How We Organise Ourselves focuses on the central idea: 'Government systems influence the lives of citizens'.

Students have been busy participating in an engaging activity to spark their curiosity and inspire questions and wonderings about different government systems. Our

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT

Interschool sport is an exciting opportunity that all our Grade 5/6 students participate in.

Students learn about a variety of new sports, including the rules and skills involved.

Additionally, interschool sports can be great for students to develop their leadership skills whilst also promoting team work and sportsmanship.

Interschool sports involves playing against other schools in the Patterson district each Friday morning.

Summer sports involve lawn bowls, cricket, basketball, kickball and volleyball.

Winter sports played in Term 2 and 3 involve Tee ball, netball, AFL and soccer.

Dates for games this term are:

17th February

24th February

3rd March

10th March

17th March

We also have a Lightning Premiership this term that involves students playing their chosen sport in a round robin of games for the day.



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.

Each class has been spending time discussing their ideas about homework, why we do it and what it can involve. Having student input and agency in this process has proven to be very valuable.

Once finalized, homework expectations will be communicated to families.

teachers really enjoyed dressing up for this role play and having students experience a variety of government structures first hand.

We look forward to more exciting activities where students learn about making informed decisions, the relationship between governments and citizens, what it means to be a citizen and what our role within the different systems can be.

Class Dojo

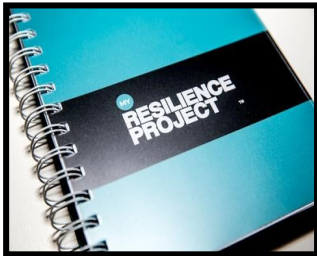
Class dojo is a great communication tool that teachers will be using. They will be sharing what is happening in class through 'Class Story' on Dojo.

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

Class diaries are also another way to communicate with teachers and can be purchased through Compass.

The Resilience Project will continue into 2023. 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.



Reading

In reading, students will be taking part in Reader's workshops.

The year has begun with a focus on how we select books, when to abandon books, what sustained reading looks like and sounds like.

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

Woorabinda

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

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

Information and pricing regarding the camp will be sent home at a later date.

Have a look at the website: <https://www.woorabindaschoolcamp.org/>

Writing

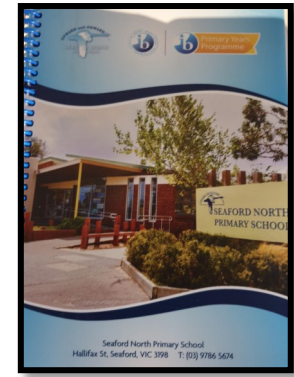
Throughout this term in writing the students will be looking into persuasive and narrative writing.

We have begun with a focus on narrative writing where students are learning about developing their characters and settings using powerful vocabulary.

Persuasive writing will also be covered this term as students learn about the acronym DAFORESTI to assist them in devices that will persuade the reader.

They will also be spending time recording reasons for and against a number of topics and structuring their texts with an introduction, 3 reasons and a conclusion.

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



Mathematics

In Term 1 students will begin with a focus on addition and subtraction, followed by data and statistics.

We have all students participate in a range of activities involving number fluency games, online activities, open ended challenges and worded problems.

Students have the opportunity to choose from enabling, main and extending tasks which allows for differentiation across varied levels.

Specialists

Students participate in specialist classes every Monday and Wednesday.

This semester they are involved in Science, Visual Arts, Mandarin and PE.

If you have not already sent in an art smock please do so at your earliest convenience.

