



YEAR 5/6 NEWSLETTER - TERM 4, 2017

October 2017

Dear Parents,

We welcome all students back to a busy term in Module 4. This final term is extremely important for all students, especially Year 6 students as they prepare to make the transition to Secondary School.

INQUIRY LEARNING

Our unit focus this term will be on History, studying colonial Australia in the 1800s. Students will examine significant events and people, political and economic developments, social structures, and settlement patterns. **A requirement** of this unit of work will be to develop a historical play depicting the development of Australian colonies and the lives of the people in the colonial period.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT

Interschool Sport will begin on Friday 20th October. All children are expected to participate and will compete against local schools in basketball, cricket, softball, hockey and volley-stars. Permission slips and payment needs to be returned **NO LATER than Friday 14th October.**

J.C.P.S. INTRATRANSITION PROGRAM

All students will have the opportunity to move to next year's home-rooms for a series of intra-transition sessions during term 4. These sessions will take place on Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Thursday 21st of December. Students will complete familiarisation activities related to their new year levels and, for Year 4 students, new Module. **They will meet their teacher for 2018 on Thursday 21st December.**

YEAR 6 TRANSITION PROGRAM

During the Intra-transition times, Ms. Burgess will conduct **a program** for all Year 6 students called, *'Transition To Success'*. The aim of these sessions is to **address some of the issues students have when moving from Primary to Secondary school.** The students will discuss the differences between primary and secondary school, identify individual strengths, understand how to cope with new environments, and learn skills in developing new friends and making good choices. The program will also give students the opportunity to discuss their feelings about secondary school.

YEAR 6 HEALTH AND HUMAN RELATIONS

Mrs. Garner and Mr. Shenfield will be conducting a Health and Human Relations program for all Year Six students during term four. The program will consist of three one-hour lessons, and a permission form will be sent to parents and guardians closer to the time. During these sessions the Year 5 students will study Healthy Lifestyles, covering nutrition, exercise and leisure activities.

YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY

The Orientation Day for all Year 6 students attending State Government Secondary Schools in 2018 will be on Tuesday 12th December. Schools will contact us closer to this date with specific details about the day, and we will pass this information on. Some schools require students to complete a portfolio or personal profile to **take with them** Orientation Day. Individual schools will advise students of these expectations beforehand. Some private schools may hold their Orientation Day on a different date. If your child will be attending a non-government school, you will be advised directly by the school of the relevant date.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS FOR 2018

The Year 6 Orientation Day provides an opportunity for this Year's Grade 4s and 5s to work together and get to know each other in readiness for 2018. All Year 5s will be presenting a short speech about themselves, outlining their leadership qualities and their preferred leadership role for 2018. Ms Burgess will attend and will take these speeches into account when making final decisions regarding School Captains, House Captains and other leadership roles for 2018.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

This year the Year Six Graduation ceremony will be held at Atura Hotel Dandenong on Tuesday 19th December. Students will enjoy dinner with the teachers and this will be followed with a graduation presentation. The cost will be \$35.00 for each Year 6 student. Family and friends are invited to attend the presentation with a maximum of four guests permitted to attend. Details were provided to all Year 6 students at the end of term 3.

Year Six students will also be able to order a Graduation Bear through the school for \$14.50. The notice for Graduation Bears was distributed at the end of term 3.

ANTICIPATED COSTS TO PARENTS

To assist families with budgeting for school costs, these are the events planned for term 4 for students in Years 5 and 6. All forms MUST be returned by the DUE DATE.

Term 4 Swimming – all students	\$90.00	Due Friday 27 th October
Term 4 Interschool Sport	\$20.00	Due Friday 14 th October
Year 6 Graduation (Yr6 only)	\$35.00	Due Friday 24 th November
Graduation Bear/Ball (optional – Yr6 only)	\$14.50	Due Friday 27 th October
End of Year Kidspace	\$20.00	Due Friday 1 st December

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