



Stage 3 - Year 5 and Year 6 Information

Teaching Team

- 5CH - Mrs Tapiwa Chihuri
- 5I - Mrs Ibbby Moussa
- 5K - Mr David King
- 5M - Ms Bek Mellefont
- 6S - Mrs Karen Stevenson
- 6G - Mr Ryan Gannon
- 6FM - Mrs Michelle Madigan (Mon - Thu), Mrs Forrist Fitzgerald (Fri)
- 6T - Miss Taylah McAuliffe
- Assistant Principal (Relieving) - Miss Elizabeth Mittiga

Key Learning Areas

There are currently six Key Learning Areas which your children will be participating in:

English: Literacy sessions consist of Speaking and Listening, Reading and Viewing and Writing and Representing.

Mathematics: Consists of three strands. They are Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability.

Other Key Learning Areas: History, Geography, Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA), Science and Technology and Physical Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) make up the other Key Learning Areas. In Term One, the topics studied are:

- Science: Living World - "How do the structural and behavioural features of living things support survival?"
- PE: Movement skills within a variety of sports including: basketball, soccer, hockey and T-ball
- PDH: Identifying, Communicating and Managing Emotions
- History: Australia as a Nation - "Why and how did Australia become a nation?"
- Geography: Connections between people, places and environments - "What are Australia's global connections?"
- CAPA: Music with Mrs McAlister

Behaviour Management

We have a consistent school-wide approach to behaviour management. Our school has three rules:

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner

This system explicitly focuses on positive behaviour for learning (referred to as PBL). Students are taught the specific expectations to behave appropriately and are rewarded and praised for doing so. They may receive tokens and Casula Champions.

Our school has introduced a new behaviour level system which will be communicated to all families by the school newsletter.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN for Year 5 will be held between 15-27 March 2023. This year we are required to complete NAPLAN online and all testing will be done on computers.

Scripture

Scripture classes are held on Tuesdays: 12:20pm - 12:50pm across the school.

Library

Students are encouraged to borrow books regularly from the school library and to return their books on time. These books can be used for home reading and reading for pleasure. Library borrowing days are Fridays for all Year 5 and 6 classes.

Years 5 - 6 Homework

Mathematics: 2-3 Maths Online tasks per week - log in details will be sent home.

Reading: Students read for 15-30 minutes a day.

School Times/ late notes / early passes

School begins at 9:00am. If a student arrives after 9.05am, he/she is late and must go to the office to get a *late slip*.

Dropping off and picking up your child

Our school has two *Kiss and Drop zones*, one at the front of our school on De Meyrick Avenue and another at the rear of the school in Holland Crescent. Kiss and Drop Zones provide parents and carers with a safe environment to drop off and collect their children from school by car. Kiss and Drop Zones rules are: you may only stay 2 minutes and the driver must remain within 3 metres of the vehicle. The council regularly check and impose heavy fines to anyone breaching these rules.

Attendance

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attends school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for students' absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Our school sends an automated SMS to parents/carers when your child is absent. You can reply to the message to provide a legal reason for your child's absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

Fruit Break

Students are encouraged to bring fruit or vegetables to school to snack on in class. Students are also encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Juices and cordials are not permitted as drinks during class time.

School Canteen

The School Canteen is open Monday to Friday. Both lunch and recess may be ordered. Online ordering is also available which many parents find a very convenient option. Students are to order *before 9:00am*.

Contacting the teacher

If you need to speak to the class teacher, please arrange an appointment. Teachers are unable to speak to you during class time as they have a Duty of Care to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students. If you have an urgent issue, please leave a message at the office and it will be passed to the teacher.

Student User Agreements

For students to use the internet at school, they are required by the Department of Education to sign a Student User Agreement. This agreement outlines acceptable use of Department supplied internet in the school and the consequences of incorrect use. Teachers will read through the agreement with students at school, it will then need to be signed at home with a parent or guardian as a witness.



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Relieving Principal

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