

# WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 5/6 ?

## April 2018

Welcome back for term two, 2018! We have lots planned for this term and are getting stuck right into it.

### Literacy:

In Reading, our current mentor text has allowed us to explore so many reading strategies and strengthen our knowledge of these strategies. We have focussed on persuasive devices and what persuades a reader to change their view on a topic.

With a new term, we have made some adjustments to our guided reading groups and are implementing Literature Circles . Literature Circles has been effective in allowing students to be in charge and take charge of their learning. Students are responsible for completing their assigned group task, which relates to the reading strategies, then present it to their group. Each week five reading strategies are completed amongst the reading group and discussed within the circle.

In Writing, our persuasive are coming along nicely. We have been working hard to convince a reader on a particular topic. Students have been focussing on finding evidence to strengthen their arguments. We are learning to structure our paragraphs in order engage audience and influence their thinking. We love writing persuasives and can't wait to share them.

### Numeracy:

Our main focus in Numeracy has been problem solving, in particular worded problems. Students have used different problem solving strategies to solve multi-step worded problems. We have encouraged all students to use the RUCSAC acronym to assist with their learning.

We have been working to extend our knowledge in multiplication and division of 2 x 2 and 2 x 3 digit numbers and working towards mastering elapsed time.

Shortly, we'll be starting to look at area and perimeter and start an exciting mini project which includes the use of scale as students get to showcase their design skills.



### Inquiry:

Change is the topic of the term and we excited for what's to come. Students are all choosing their own history topic and developing an inquiry question based on their own interests of Australia's past. Their inquiry topics have lead to a number of unanswered questions and students are currently in the process of researching to find some answers. We will soon begin creating a diorama of particular events in Australia's past which have influenced either small or large changes to occur.



### ICT:

We've just begun our coding unit and we're all very excited to get started! We've discovered that coding is much more than directing a character around the screen. It is the process of providing accurate instruction to a computer in order to get desired results. We will begin with the online exploration shortly.

### Reminders:

**Homework:** Please remember that homework is to be submitted every Friday. Don't forget that our weekly homework includes reading practice, spelling practice and times table practice. All students should have started the homework project by now, it's due at the end of week 7.

**Interschool sports** are on the horizon, teams are chosen and the students are getting very excited.

**Round 1:** May 11 - Wollombi V WNPS

**Round 2:** May 18 - WNPS V SPS

**Round 3:** May 25 - CPS V WNPS

**Round 4:** June 1 - WNPS V WYPS

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