

# WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 5/6 ?

## March 2019

Welcome back to a new year and a new term for 2019! We have already participated in so many exciting things and have many more planned.

### Welcome Mr. Syme

This year we have welcomed Nick Syme into our grade 5/6 teaching team. Previously a member of our valued support staff, Mr. Syme has made a seamless transition into teaching and we wish him all the best for the year.

### Literacy:

In Reading, we have been reading our mentor text "I am Jack" collaboratively as a class. Students have been discussing themes and making deep connections with the text and with our growth mindset of preventing bullying and respect.

We have introduced our Literature Circles this term, and the students are thoroughly enjoying analysing and discussing a range of fiction and non-fiction books whilst working on their own individual role.

In Writing, we have been focusing on the structure of fictional narratives. We have been identifying the traits of writing a successful narrative and drawing on examples from our mentor text "I am Jack". We have analysed elements of the story and incorporated them into our writing strategies. Student's have commenced producing their own narrative piece and we can't wait to read them!

### Numeracy:

In Numeracy, we have been focusing on number and place value. This has required the students to identify and order a range of large numbers with decimals, understanding that place value exists beyond hundredths.

We have also been looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, whilst investigating how to create and construct nets of 3D shapes using a range of materials.

Students have also been regularly participating in open ended, problem solving activities that allow students to share and discuss their own ideas and strategies.

On Friday, the students participated in Orienteering

### Inquiry:

This term's inquiry unit is focused on Making Democracy. We have been learning about the meaning of community, the values of Australian Democracy and the key features of the electoral process. The students are working towards designing an electoral campaign and simulating an election within the grades.

### Surf Trip

On Friday the 22nd of February, the grade 5/6 students took on the waves at Smith's Beach, Phillip Island. They participated in a surf lesson run by the Island Surf School, who taught us all the tips and techniques on the sand before hitting the surf. Braving the cold water, the students had a great time in the water putting their skills into practice and riding some barrels right into shore.



### 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.

**FlexiBuzz** is an app that can be used to stay in touch with everything that is going on at school and be reminded of upcoming events. Please download this if you haven't already.

**Public Holiday– Labour Day 11th of March**

**Harvest Market– Sunday the 17th of March**

**Global Studies Incursion– Thursday 22nd of March**

**Athletics Day - Friday 23rd of March**