

## WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 5/6 ?

### May 2019

From camp to Interschool sports and NAPLAN to high school visits, it's all happening in the 5/6 area.

#### Literacy

In Reading, we have recently begun looking at climate change in particular greenhouse gasses, the effects of climate change on the environment and how we can be more sustainable. We have unpacked a number of written and digital persuasive pieces and are fully encompassed on becoming more friendly to our environment.

Our Writing unit works in conjunction with our reading as the students begin to develop persuasives to convince people to be more environmentally friendly. We have been looking into modality and how it can strengthen our arguments about climate change and discovering what persuasive techniques are best going to work for our audience.

By aligning reading and writing to the overall theme of sustainability, we are assisting the students in building their own passion for the climate and producing an opinion as to what is best for the future of our world.

#### Numeracy

In Number and Algebra, we have been revising our knowledge of number facts. Some students have been working out divisibility rules, whilst others are mastering their knowledge of Prime and Composite numbers. We are looking forward to completing some mini projects, which involve students using a number of different Numeracy skills.

In Measurement and Geometry, we have begun looking at elapsed time and using problem solving techniques to work out the best strategy to calculate it. Students have been planning daily schedules and creating their ideal days. We have converted between 12 and 24 hour time and are about to begin converting measurements, which are so handy in the real world.

#### Inquiry

We are about to take flight of our Inquiry lessons for the Term. This Term is all about sustainability and ensuring that we are globally aware of the effects of climate change. Students may come home with questions or suggestions on how to care for the environment as we have already begun discussions in the classroom. We look forward to unpacking sustainability and how we can do our bit to be more eco friendly.

#### NAPLAN

In week four, our year five students will be taking part in NAPLAN. We realise that some students can become nervous or stressed around this time. If you have any concerns about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

#### 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 now used as a form of contact between teachers and parents. If parents need to contact teachers, please request contact with a teacher and we will then open communication via the chat option.

**Interschool Sports** begins in week 4 on the 17th May. All year six students and some year five students have been selected.

#### **High School Open Nights:**

Forms have gone home regarding student placements for 2020. If you have any questions about schools, the high schools are the best ones to answer your questions, however your student's teacher may be able to provide some information.

#### **School Camp:**

School Camp **7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> May**. It looks like its going to be a wet week in Howqua. Please make sure you child has adequate clothing.