

# WHAT'S ON IN YEAR 5/6 ?

## August 2019

### Literacy

In Reading, we are well and truly into reading our class novel—Hatchet. Hatchet is a great text for the students as the young character Brian deals with many different emotions and overcoming challenges. The Author, Gary Paulson, uses very specific word choices to explain the setting and the characters actions throughout the text. The themes allow students to challenge their thinking and assist in building understanding of the diversity in peoples lives.

In Writing, Hatchet has been extremely beneficial, in inspiring the students to be creative with their description of setting, character, feelings and emotion, problem. Students have used the text to develop their own multi genre texts, using a combination of genres such as fantasy, sci-fi, horror, poetry, comedy and action. During sharing time, we've been providing each other with insightful feedback on their writing to further influence their story.

### Numeracy

In Number and Algebra, we have been revising our knowledge of number facts and how numbers are represented. We have improved upon our place value knowledge through playing online games (requested by the students) and looking into positive and negative numbers. Last week we also started an exciting project that relates directly to the school and increasing sustainability.

In Measurement and Geometry, we've looked at three dimensional shapes and what they are made up of, connected them to their nets and constructed some irregular three dimensional shapes. We have a good understanding of regular and irregular prisms especially finding the area and perimeter of these.

The mini project will be completed throughout the Term 3, as students prepare a proposal for the school to consider. We cant wait to see what is developed!

### Inquiry

This Terms focus is 'Care for the Kids'. We're about to start a project where we look at agencies that assist others in increasing quality of life. We've done research into students rights and the care in which the society has for present day children.

### 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 the preferred 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.

Please don't forget to inform teachers if your child is absent.

#### Interschool Sports:

We have 2 games left for the year. Please refer to the schedules dates.

Round 4: 16th August - Home game V Wolombi Cluster

Round 5: 13th September - Home game V Wandin Yallock PS

#### High school transitions:

Families of year 6 students will receive a letter on the 7th August outlining year 6 students high school acceptance. Shortly after, you will receive an information pack from their 2020 school.

#### ICT lessons:

We are currently looking for any old/broken computer parts for our ICT unit. Students will be using these to explore the internal parts.

#### Cyber Safety:

Soon we will have our Cyber Safety Incursion.

In this digital age, it's extremely important that students know how to be safe hen using any kind of online communication. We are excited to explore ways in which ensuring our safety.