WHAT'S ON IN GRADE 5/6 ?

<u>April 2019</u>

Can't believe the term is almost over. What a successful term we have had.

Literacy:

In Reading, we have recently completed our mentor text "I am Jack" and are beginning to reflect on the key messages from the text. During reflection, we look deeply at the overall text and how it has influenced us as an individual. We are connecting the text to many similar texts and similar books in the same genre, discussing key messages and how it impacts the audience.

In Writing, we are at the point where we are using "I am Jack" to influence our writing. We are using our creative strengths to respond to the literature and show our understanding of the text. Students are able to choose how they present their knowledge and are including all the themes associated with bullying.

Numeracy:

In Numeracy, we have been looking into fractions and converting fractions into decimals and percentages. We have been exploring addition and subtraction of fractions, using our knowledge of factors and multiples to change the denominators.

We're also stuck into understanding Cartesian Planes and working through rotations, reflections and translations. We're plotting points and about to start using direction and following multiple directions to move an object on the Cartesian Plane.

Athletics Day:

We had a wonderful time at District Athletics Day. One of the greatest results for the day was our high level of sportsmanship and positive attitude that our students obtained. Well done to all that completed and all that gave it their best.

<u>Inquiry:</u>

Democracy has led our learning this term and has taken us to the point where we are developing a group debate. Students are working in groups to research different topics and finding three different reasons which support their view. All groups have found their evidence, produced their arguments and are ready to present their debates to the class. We cannot wait view their creativity and find out all about their persuasive arguments they've developed.

Growth Mindset:

We have focussed a lot this term on Bullying and understanding how it affects people on a number of different levels. Recently, students have been working to develop an anti-bullying campaign. They have completed their own research are very well informed about the different ways in which we can make sure bullying is not happening in our environment.

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.

School Camp:

School Camp **7**th-**10**th **May**. Permission forms and deposit due on **Wednesday 3**rd **April**.

