

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

### August

Cannot believe it's almost the end of Term! There has been a lot of exciting things happening in the 5/6 Grades.

#### Literacy

In Reading, we have recently begun watching and studying the film "Lion". We are using this as our mentor text for our biography unit and the students are thoroughly enjoying the film so far. We have been breaking down the protagonist's traits, making in depth predictions and tracking the emotions of the characters as they are experience different situations.

Our Writing unit works in conjunction with our reading, as the students begin to research and draft a biography of someone who has influenced them in their life. We have been using our mentor text "Lion" to help inspire us to create meaningful writing pieces.

By aligning reading and writing with our mentor text, we are assisting the students in building knowledge about biographies and using that information to help inspire their own writing pieces.

#### Numeracy

In Number and Algebra, 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.

In Statistics and Probability, we have begun looking at connecting fractions with likelihood of every day events occurring. This has resulted in the students converting between fractions, decimals and percentages whilst carrying out chance experiments.

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

### Cyber Safety Incursion

On Monday the 26th of August, the grade 5/6 students participated in an incursion presented by Sam and Trent from the Cyber Safety Project.



The students learnt about the importance of being safe online and engaged in activities that promoted who we should interact with on the internet and what information to share.

#### Inquiry

This term, the students have been investigating children's rights and exploring different aid agencies that help children in need. They are currently finishing a group project in which they had to pick an aid agency, research it and develop a presentation educating their peers about what that agency does.

#### 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. The homework project is due on the 13th of September.

**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.

**CERES Sustainability Hub Excursion:** On Monday the 16th of September, the grade 5/6 students will be visiting the CERES Sustainability Hub as part of their Inquiry unit for Term 4. Payments and permission forms are due on the 2nd of September. Remember to bring an old t-shirt to be repurposed on the day as well as a rubbish free lunch.

**Donuts:** Donuts are still for sale for \$1 to help raise money for the grade 6 graduation. Please bring your money by Wednesdays to ensure your order gets taken.