

# WHAT'S ON IN YEAR 5/6 ?

## November 2020

### Literacy

We have transitioned to poetry writing over the last few weeks, experimenting with both Free-verse poems and Narrative poems. Students have been incorporating poetic devices into their writing whilst developing strong themes and storylines within. These poems are some of the best writing this year!

In Reading, we have looked at different poem mentor texts to analyse key poetic devices and how they have been effectively used. One stand out poem that we have looked at in great detail has been 'Please wear a Poppy'. Students have also continued working together during Lit circle groups to expand their knowledge on one common text which has provided insightful knowledge and understanding of each story.

To complete the year in Literacy, we will be engaging in a range of texts from Shaun Tan, who is an incredible author and illustrator. His texts are really inspiring and have multiple hidden messages. We can't wait to see what is achieved in this time.

### Numeracy

Projects have brought so much excitement to Numeracy this year. Just a few weeks, we completed a project about budgeting and financial plans, where we created our own food menu for a week.

In the recent weeks, we have been looking at Shape, and an area that we have been looking forward to for months. Students spent time in groups, designing a floor plan for an apartment, where they had to create exact areas for each of their rooms. In linking this project with inquiry, we spent an entire day last week, building their floor plans, up into a model apartment and then connected a power circuit to their house. All groups were able to run 2 lights and a fan in their model apartment. After the lesson, we looked at the different views of their apartments.

To finish the project, students prepared a presentation with all of their findings. They were so excited to present their projects to the rest of the class, and we were so impressed with the effort they put into their house.

To finish off the year, we are digging deeper into units of measurement. Students will be developing a timetable based on an activity of their choice, which will be the basis of a student-run tabloid sports for grades 5/6 in Week 11.



### Inquiry

This month in Inquiry, we have been exploring different forms of energy and forces. Using their knowledge on these, students developed a car based on wind generated from balloons. Time was given to carefully design the most air resistant car model that would travel the furthest distance.

As mentioned above in Numeracy, we have been exploring electrical circuits and making a loop to transfer energy. We explored connecting different things such as lights, fans and buzzers, then had a go at transferring energy through different materials such as nails, paper clips and even scissors. The students were excited by their discoveries and were really excited to think about what else they could transfer energy through.

Last week, we connected our electrical circuits to our model houses. This created authenticity in our project and allowed students to play with different combinations in their circuit.

### Year 6 Graduation

We are in the process of organising Year 6 Graduation. We are patiently waiting to hear about the guidelines to holding Graduations in late September and will let everyone know once we have the latest updates.

Reminder: Year 6 parents:

Can you please ensure the dietary requirements form, which was sent out via FlexiBuzz is completed.

### Reminders

Homework:

Please remember that homework will be released on Monday via Google classrooms (or hard copy always available in the classroom), and required to be submitted on the Friday. Students will not receive homework on the weekends.

High School Information:

Frequent information will be sent out via FlexiSchools as it becomes available.

Grade 6 Graduation:

Thursday the 17th of December (Venue TBC)

