

# what's on in 5/6

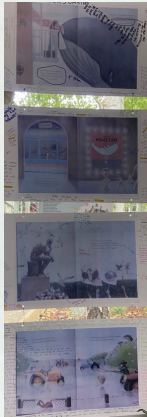
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## WELCOME TO 5/6 2023!

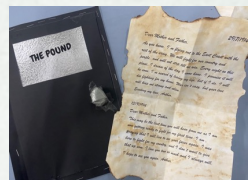
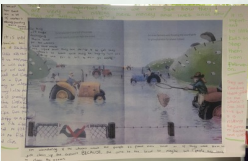
Our students have made a fantastic start to the 2023 school year! After spending time in the first few weeks establishing our routines and expectations, the 5/6's have settled in beautifully and are displaying all of our school values to a high standard. Our grade 5's are enjoying being part of the senior school and our grade 6's are doing a great job of being role models and leaders and helping their prep buddies learn about WNPS!

### READING & WRITING

In our first weeks of 2023 we have closely studied two mentor texts; 'The Rabbits' (John Marsden & Shaun Tan) and 'Walk of the Whales' (Nick Bland). Both these picture story books have offered the 5/6 students opportunities to analyse symbolism, themes/messages, text structure, illustration and more! We have examined what multi-genre texts are and how all texts have a purpose. Well done to all our 5/6's who highlighted their abilities to dig deeper in our reading portfolio task.

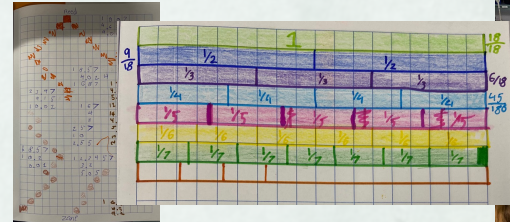


Linking to our reading lessons, the students have been exploring multi-genre in their own writing pieces. Using the mentor texts as inspiration and to aid idea generation and word choice, students have been drafting free choice writing pieces. Cementing our understanding of the writing process students have been closely using the writing cycle to bump up their individual pieces. Through editing, conferencing and revising the 5/6's have created some amazing writing that will be shared in a portfolio, sent home later this week!



### NUMERACY

We have had a busy start to maths this term! Focusing on number and algebra, students have investigated place value, factors, multiples, prime/composite numbers and the way we represent whole numbers, integers and decimals. We have also begun to explain the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages; learning how to compare and convert these challenging numbers.



We have had lots of fun making human number lines, playing decimal wars and using problem solving strategies to answer complex questions.

### INQUIRY

This term we are discovering everything we can about democracy! We are learning about the government, elections and leadership. We were lucky enough to have MP for Evelyn, Bridget Vallence come and speak with us.



### RESILIENCE

Students have made an incredible start to our new and exciting program 'The Resilience Project.' So far we have looked at the 3 key things to being happy; Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM). Ask your children what their biggest 'Dis' moment has been from Term 1 so far!

### REMINDERS

**Homework:** It is an expectation in 5/6 that students are reading every night and are engaging with the term project (democracy). Homework tasks are currently due two weeks from the date students receive the task. The tasks cover important background information that aids their overall understanding within inquiry lessons.

### KEY DATES

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Labour Day Public Holiday  
15<sup>th</sup> March – 21<sup>st</sup> March – NAPLAN  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Harvest Market  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – School Photos  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Twilight Sports  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of Term 1

