



Year 6 Community News

Welcome to our 2017 school year!

Learning Community Members

6E – Eugene Kourbut
6S – Sarah Bergin

Important dates

February

16th – Meet the Teacher
23rd – Family Night
24th – Excursion to
Parliament House

March

6th – District Swimming
7th – School Photos
13th – Labour Day – Public
Holiday
31st – Last Day of Term 1

Reminders:

Punctuality - Students should arrive at school at 8:50am, ready to commence learning at 9:00am. Students who arrive late miss out on important teaching time and it also distracts others from their learning.

Fruit and water - fresh fruit and a bottle of water keep students hydrated and alert.

Diaries - These diaries need to be brought to school each day. They will be a record of your child's reading each night as well as key dates and events for the school year.

Homework:

Next week your child will be receiving the first homework grid for the year. This format is changing slightly to better help students prepare for secondary school. Students will still complete a grid with staggered due dates inserted. The aim is to help improve time management skills of our year 6 students.

Reading - 30 minutes of nightly reading is an essential component of homework.

Mathletics – Is open for students to access challenges weekly. Passwords will be handed out to students to access Mathletics at home.

Reading:

This term we will be revisiting all of the comprehension strategies, including prediction, prior knowledge, summarising, making connections, inferring and asking questions. Students will also be working on their own individual reading goals that will be recorded in their school diaries. Students will be reading editorials, articles and persuasive texts and identifying their different structures and features. This will allow them to respond to texts critically.

Writing:

This term we are beginning our writing workshops by establishing individual Writers Notebooks. Students will be exposed to a range of text types and will plan, draft, revise, edit and publish their own multi text magazine. Students will have their own individual spelling words that they will need to practise weekly as well as participating in class spelling investigations.

Mathematics:

Students will participate in maths sessions that focus on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies. We will also be investigating length, perimeter and angles. We encourage the use of Mathletics to support students learning at school.

Inquiry Topic:

Our inquiry unit this term, 'I have choices, rights and responsibilities'; will link to Democracy and Government. We will be looking at:

- What is democracy in Australia and why is voting in a democracy important?
- What are the roles and responsibilities of the different levels of government in Australia?
- How and why do people participate in groups to achieve shared goals?
- What does it mean to be an Australian citizen?
- How are laws developed and enforced in Australia?

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program:

Once again we encourage family members to consider volunteering in our Kitchen or Garden program. Remember to visit our Altona Green Primary School website where all the recipes are available for you to try at home!