Welcome to a fresh new term in Year 5 and 6. Hopefully your Easter holidays were egg-stra relaxing! (And I will try to retire the puns...)

Term 2 is a busy term. In week 3 we head off to Camp Weekaway for our four day camp, while week 5 brings the NAPLAN testing week to the Year 5s. 5/6 Sport becomes a weekly event with matches every Friday competing against schools in our district.

This doesn’t even begin to mention our usual schedule of reading, writing, maths and inquiry; building up our portfolios; super Specialist classes; getting ready for reports; exciting excursions... the list goes on!

Join with us on our terrific term!
Ms Smith, Mr Goldstraw, Mrs Handby and Mr Davies (your 5/6 teachers)

This term we plan to visit a number of topics in both our English and Maths curriculum.

In English we continue to practise the 7 Steps to Writing Success, spending a bit of extra time on the Sizzling Starts and Show don’t Tell stages. We will be learning narrative and exposition text types, and looking at the comprehension skills of inferring, predicting and researching.

In Maths we explore multiplication and division; fractions and decimals; shapes and angles. Busy!
It's CAMP term! This year our camp of choice is Camp Weekaway at Benloch complete with resting kangaroos, wilderness and activities galore. Our Year 5s and 6s are super keen to head away for the (almost) week.

Next term we will have a more thorough unpacking of our fun at camp, but here’s a quick outline of what we did:

Tuesday - activities, bushwalk and campfire
Wednesday - fire building, hut building, and bush survival, as well as movie night
Thursday - activities and talent night
Friday - (a bit wet!) - walk at Hanging Rock

Stay tuned for more information...

Find a spot in your diary for these dates:

10 - 12 May  NAPLAN testing
             Tues - Language, Writing
             Wed - Reading
             Thur - Numeracy
13 May      House Cross Country
17 May      Multicultural Day
18 May      Open Day and Night

In Term 2, Year 5 and 6 will split for Inquiry topics.

Year 5s will be looking into technology and society, while Year 6 will concentrate on Australian History during the early 1900s.

Term 2 puts us on a regular weekly schedule for games against other schools. During our Winter Sports Fixture, we will either be playing at Parkhill or another school. Games are 9:00-11:00 each Friday.

Fitness is each Tuesday morning. Cross Country practice continues during May. PE sessions are Wednesday.

Homework in Term 2 is all about diversifying. We plan to try out some new ways of presenting homework, and also incorporating it into our school day more. Both Year 5s and 6s will continue with the Maths and English homework sheets from Term 1, though not consistently.

Year 5 will continue holding Socratic Seminars, building their speaking and persuasive skills, once NAPLAN is completed. Year 6 will hold sequences of debates in current topics, working in teams to prepare at school, and then researching at home.

PG Movie Possibilities for Term 2

Parkhill TV Series 3 is just about ready for broadcast!

After a term dedicated to video and film skills, we are ready to put episodes together. We are working in house teams so that the Year 5s can gain from their apprenticeship to the Year 6s. The first episode - Episode 0 - is live now, and contains some of the best of our skills-based learning.

Stay tuned to the website for regular eps!