

Year 5 and 6 Newsletter

Term 3, 2016



5/6 SPORT

Welcome, parents and Year 5/6 students, to Term 3!

It's going to be another busy and exciting term with new Inquiry topics, more Parkhill TV and ... concert!

There are more exciting sports events in Term 3. As part of the Swimming Program, we have a Parkhill Swimming Carnival at Huntingtower on Friday 5 August for all students who participate in the program.

Term 3 is also a term for round robins! Year 5/6 students will participate in the Winter Round Robin on Friday 12 August where students will represent the school in netball, football, volleystars, soccer rounders or kickball. If you recall in Term 1, during the Summer Round Robin, the teeball team won all their games and will now represent Parkhill at the Division finals on Monday 15 August. Also, our annual Basketball Round Robin will be on Friday 9 September for selected students.

Finally, this year is the first year that Parkhill has signed up to participate in the Softball Round Robin Tournament that will take place on Friday 9 September. There are lot of opportunities to get involved! Go Parkhill!

HOMEWORK

Year 5: This term, the Year 5 students will continue with a mix of Inquiry based homework tasks, Socratic discussions and of course our weekly English and Maths 'quicksheets'.

In Inquiry we've been looking at the topic: 'Health – the Ups and Downs with two key concepts in mind, 'Perspective' and 'Causation'. The two main lines of Inquiry that we have followed are:

- Where we live impacts on our lifestyle.
- There are interrelated, multiple dimensions that impact on our welling being.

In Week 6 our Inquiry Unit will change to 'How we Express Ourselves' and will connect with the school concert.

Year 6: The Year 6s are focusing on advertising as part of their homework unit. The students are asked to critically view ads they see on television. They then discuss and assess the factors used in advertising to understand their purpose and the target audience they are trying to persuade.

Along with these discussions, students will complete Mathletics tasks and literacy exercises.

PHTV

Parkhill TV continues in Term 3 at full steam ahead! As you may have noticed from Episode 9, we've switched things up a bit from the production side and we'll be creating segments in class groups instead of House groups. This will give the Year 6s and Year 5s some time together in their own year levels, let the Year 6s experiment a bit with form and let the Year 5s stretch their wings and try it out for themselves. If you have been watching and enjoying our episodes, please leave us a comment to help us better shape our segments for our audience. If you haven't yet checked out PHTV, head to vimeo.com/channels/phtv for some awesome video skills!





LIT CLUBS

This term we have stepped into an exciting new reading program - Lit Clubs. Year 5s are already dipping their toes in and the Year 6s tried it out last year and are now ready to experience Lit Clubs independently. Lit Clubs are just like book clubs: a selection of quality literature is offered, students choose the book they want to read, groups are formed and then students work together to read through the book. They meet regularly and discuss the book with many different response activities. They meet with the teacher who joins in the discussion from time to time. It is yet another way that we encourage independence in the upper school - real reading and real discussion! So far the response has been extremely positive. It has given even more purpose to reading and students are motivated to comprehend their text at deeper levels.

MOVIE THOUGHTS

This term teachers have been discussing how the screen can support and help expand upon our Inquiry topics. The movies that we have so far considered watching in Term 3 are:

(Year 5) – Inside Out, Big, Karate Kid, Diary of a Wimpy Kid.

(Year 6) – The Goonies, Harriet the Spy, The Karate Kid, Bridge to Terabithia.

PUBERTY EDUCATION

This term, in Weeks 5 and 6, teachers will be tackling the tricky topic of puberty as we discuss how our bodies change during adolescence. It may be a good time to make preparations for the sorts of interesting questions that you may expect at home during this time!

TERM 3 DATES

5th August – School Swimming Carnival

12th August – Winter sports round robin at Ashwood Netball Courts

15th August – Teeball Division finals at Jells Park (selected students)

9th September – Basketball round robin at Nunwadding Basketball Stadium (selected students)

9th September – Softball round robin at Jells Park (selected students)

INQUIRY

Year 5: In Term 3, the Year 5s are tackling two different Inquiry topics. Right now, students are looking at Health: The Ups and Downs, taking their understandings from previous units and adopting a more global perspective. Towards the end of term as preparations for the Parkhill concert hit high gear, students will look through the lens of 'How we Express Ourselves.'

Year 6: For the first half of Term 3 we are looking at Adolescence. The changes, challenges and choices that come with this interesting time in our lives! Students have been asked to rank the changes and elements of adolescence to help discover what has the greatest influence and importance to them. This discussion has created some very mature and intelligent questions that we look forward to exploring together!

