



Year 5/6 News

Term 4 - 2017

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In the spirit of the Spring Racing Carnival, we are certainly on the home straight sprinting towards the finishing line in what has been a great year!

It is sure to be a very busy month and a half ahead with our Interschool sport, Athletics Carnival, Inquiry Units, Graduation preparation for the Year 6's, leadership speeches' for Year 5's and of course our Mini and Big Days Out to cap off the year.

We look forward a fantastic month ahead until the end of the year.

Your teachers of Years 5 and 6,
Shane Grinter (Editor), Andrea Crane, Dora Handby, Alex Davies, Michelle Smith.

Literacy Update

Year 5s will focus on analysing a range of non-fiction text by using strategies such as identifying the main idea, asking questions and looking at big thinking. Students will continue to work on their CAFÉ reading goals to improve their reading and conference with their teacher one on one. During writing, we'll be looking at the text type description and discussion, ending the year with publishing their writer's gift.

Year 6 will continue to deepen their understanding when reading, viewing or listening to texts. They will keep a non-fiction focus, in preparation for high school. We'll keep reading through our own personal reading journey, with CAFE skill goals as individuals or in groups. During Writing, we have been finalising our work on poetry and will shortly be moving on to narratives. Toward the end of the term our students will be finalising pieces and publishing for our Writer's Gift.

Numeracy Update

Year 5 will be looking at geometry translation, rotation, reflection and enlarging objects. They will also review their multiplication and division skills, followed by equivalent number sentences. Problem solving will continue to be a focus throughout the term, using the 6s strategy when tackling problems.

Year 6 students will work on reviewing their multiplication and division skills. Following this will review decimals and statistics. Students will also experience a range of problem solving tasks that cover strategies such as working backwards, drawing diagrams and using simpler numbers. As per previous terms students will continue their work in EMM.

Graduation Update

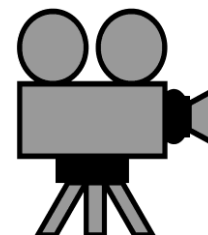
The Year 6 Graduation is only 7 weeks away!! Preparations are well and truly underway for the big night. More information will be released in the coming weeks. Look out for invitations and ticket requests forms which will be send out soon.

Parkhill TV (PHTV)

It has been an outstanding year of PHTV with the students producing amazing productions each and every week.

Please remember that each episode can be streamed through our website via the PHTV link. These episodes can also be a very useful tool to see what is happening at Parkhill each week.

<http://parkhillps.vic.edu.au/learning-programs/enrichment-programs/parkhill-tv/>



Hollywood Here We Come!

On Tuesday 24th October, Year 6 explored the world of film and the moving image at ACMI. Our Hollywood hopefuls explored the process of script writing, acting, directing and behind the scenes work associated with movie making in the ACMI green screen studio. The short dramatic scenes developed by our students for the workshop really highlighted their ability to write dynamic and hilariously funny dialogue. In addition, the character development and acting prowess shown by all students left Mr Grinter and I in awe as they strutted their stuff confidently in front of the camera. During the day we also had the opportunity to explore the many fabulous interactive displays in the Screen Worlds Exhibition where the Laser Room and Virtual Reality goggles were a highlight.



INQUIRY

Year 5 will top off a wonderful year of inquiry units, our final instalment is on 'The Power of Government'. Students will discover how government is organised in Australia and that citizens can have the power to influence change.

Wow our Year 6 students have really progressed in their ability to follow the Inquiry process and take meaningful action. Our Term 3 unit on Sustainability has resulted in significant change in the waste management system at Parkhill. Ask your student how we have made Parkhill more environmentally friendly school. This term we have moved on to looking at Citizenship in Australia and our role as global citizens. Gee that citizenship test is pretty tricky. We look forward to our upcoming Inquiry called Care for the Kids, stay tuned for more information.

SPORT TERM 4

In Term 4, Parkhill will again participate in Interschool Sports on a Friday morning. The sports this term will be Cricket, Softball, T-ball, Rounders and Danish Rounders. We have already participated in 1 round with many of our teams currently undefeated.

Our House Athletics Carnival Day will be held on Monday 13 November. Good luck to all the students and may the best house win. Special congratulations to Taylor who has qualified for the National Shot Put finals in December.

We have enjoyed being Sports Captains in 2017. It's great to see all the students showing sportsmanship and participating whilst trying their best.

Ruby Pagliaro & Tom Harris

Diary

Important upcoming dates:

Monday 6 November	Curriculum Day—no school
Tuesday 7 November	Melbourne Cup Day—no school
Wednesday 8 November	Wacky Wednesday
Thursday 9 November	Leadership Speeches
Friday 10 November	Interschool Sports - Syndal South
Friday 10 November	PFA Green-A-Thon
Saturday 11 November	PFA Clothes Swap
Monday 13 November	Athletics Carnival
Thursday 16 November	Gateways team challenge
Friday 17 November	Interschool Sports - Glen Waverley
Wednesday 22 — Friday 24 November	Dental Van Visit
Friday 24 November	Interschool Sports - Burwood East
Friday 1 December	Interschool Sports - Highvale
Monday 27 November	Multicultural Day
Thursday 7 December	Fun, Food & Carols Event
Monday 18 December	Year 6 Links Day
Wednesday 20 December	Year 6 Graduation
Thursday 21 December	Year 6 Big Day Out
Friday 22 December	Final Day of the Year

HOMWORK

Students should continue reading independently each night whilst also completing their set homework, which this term will be focused on our Inquiry units as well as a preparing for our house speaking competition.