

5/6TS Information Sheet – 2013

Welcome to 5/6TS. As most of you are aware Mrs Heather Towns and Mrs Michelle Shaw will be job sharing this year. Mrs Towns will teach the class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday while Mrs Shaw will teach the class on Thursday and Friday. We are looking forward to a productive and rewarding year.

Listed below is general information that will assist you in knowing what is going on in 5/6TS this year.

**Timetable**

* *Library:*  Wednesday
* *Assembly:* Friday
* *Sport:* Wednesday
* *PE:* Tuesday

**Bell Times**

* *9:00* School commences
* *11:00 – 11:55* Lunch
* *1:55 – 2:15* Recess
* *3:00* School Ends

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* Mrs Melvin will teach the class on Friday from 11:55pm – 2.40pm. She will be teaching Science and Technology & Computers.

**Literacy and Maths Groups**

As we are now working as a stage, students will be grouped across the stage for both Literacy and Math’s groups. Because of this, your child may have a different teacher than their class teacher teaching them in these subjects. Parents are more than welcome to assist in both Literacy and Math’s groups. Times will be advised at a later date.

Math’s text book- please be aware that this is only a tool. It is important that students do lots of hands on activities in math’s, therefore the text book may at times be sent home for homework tasks and may not be completed at the end of the year.

**Spelling**

Spelling words each week will be based on beginning of year assessments, words that students are having difficulty with in their own writing and other areas such as theme words, mathematics words etc.

**Homework**

* Each night, students are required to do their spelling words, times tables and read (to be recorded in home reading diaries)
* Homework will be in grid form. Students will complete tasks which may include physical activities, chores, art, music etc. The grid is to be completed each fortnight. A math’s sheet will also be sent for homework focusing on what we have learnt in class the previous week. This is due weekly. Grid tasks will change each fortnight.
* Homework will be set on Mondays and due back on Fridays.
* If your child fails to complete his/her homework on a regular basis you will be contacted so that you will also be aware of the situation.
* All children are expected to read at home every night and record it on their home reading booklets. Parents/children are to fill in the home reading booklet and return it with his/her homework on Fridays.

**Licence Cards**

* All Stage 3 students are required to take responsibility for their own cards. It is their job to put it in their bag not yours!
* Cards will be signed by the teacher and sent home on Fridays. All cards need to be returned to school the following Monday. Any cards not back at school by the next Friday with a parent signature **will not be signed**. This will result in your child not being able to qualify for their bronze, silver, gold or diamond licence in the shortest amount of time.
* If a card is lost, a new card will only be issued if a written note from parents is received.
* Stage 3 students are required to have a Silver Licence to attend the ‘Great Aussie Bush Camp’ Excursion.

**Equipment**

* Please ensure that your child has the following items
  + Pencils –lead and coloured
  + Pens –red, blue and black
  + Eraser
  + Glue stick
  + Scissors
  + A ruler with millimetres
  + An A4 homework folder & A small exercise book
  + Tissues/baby wipes
  + Textas
  + Highlighters
  + A library bag – This can just be an old pillow case or a shopping bag
  + Definitely NO liquid paper allowed
* All children are expected to come to school each day with the necessary equipment. It can become quite disruptive when a child doesn’t have the necessary items and constantly borrows from others.
* We appreciate your help with this matter.

**Diaries**

* All students have received a school diary. This will be used to record any upcoming events and will also be used as a communication tool between parents and teachers.

**Book Covers**

* Your child’s books will be sent home in the following weeks to be covered. They will be sent home on a Friday. Please return them by the following Monday (covered or not).
* If there are any problems with covering books, let us know and we will find a solution to the problem.

**Classroom reward/discipline system**

* 5/6TS has a class set of rules clearly displayed in our room.
* If we feel there is a persistent problem with your child’s behaviour we will make contact with you to discuss this.
* We’re pleased to say that 5/6TS are a fantastic group.
* Our classroom reward system is based on a money system. Children are awarded money for anything positive they do in the classroom.
* The children save their money to buy items on shopping day.

**HSIE Units**

The HSIE Units covered this year are Antarctica, Identities and Values, Democracy and Global Connections. 5/6TS will be starting with Antarctica in Term 1.

**Communication**

* If you have any concerns or questions throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact us. You can either ring the school or send in a note with your child to arrange a suitable meeting time. We are available in our RFF time, most afternoons and mornings providing you give us enough notice. (Staff meetings are Tuesday mornings and Tuesday afternoons).
* If there is something about your child that could affect his/her learning that we need to be made aware of (e.g. health problems, current or previous speech or occupational therapy, home life) please let us know as soon as possible. You can make an appointment to meet with us or send in a letter or documentation outlining the issue to us. Please DO NOT assume we know.

**Absences**

* If your child is away from school due to sickness or holiday, please send in a note indicating the reason as soon as your child returns to school.

**Late Arrivals**

* If your child arrives at school after the 9:00am bell, please go to the office to collect a late note.

**Uniform/Hats/Clothing**

* Please ensure your child has a school hat with him/her each day. Students without a hat must play under the COLA.
* Please clearly label all clothing with your child’s name.
* All children are expected to be in full school uniform each day. If this is not possible for some reason, please send in a note.

**Excursions**

* Swimming Carnival – 25th February 2013
* Stage 3 Excursion to the ‘Great Aussie Bush Camp’- Tea Gardens – **Term 3, Week 9, Tuesday 10th – Friday 13th September 2013**
* Your child must have his/her **SILVER LICENCE** to attend.

**Sport**

* All students are required to participate in sporting activities, if students are not able to participate a note is required explaining why. Please ensure your child has a school hat for sport.

*Thank you for playing an active role in your child’s education. We are looking forward to a successful year with you and your child.*

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Class Teachers Principal