



TERM 1 GRADE 6 NEWSLETTER

We would like to welcome you all to our Grade 6 year. This is an exciting time for both your children and family being their final year of Primary School and for some their last connection with Mt Eliza Primary School. We are all thrilled to be teaching Grade 6 and have had a super start to the year. We have Brent Schuster, 5/6S, Hayley Gregory, 6G, Lauren Black 6B and Claire Thorn 6T as the Grade 6 team.

INQUIRY

Our Inquiry Unit for this term is, "Australia as a Nation." This is where we will explore Federation, the structure of Government, how rules and laws are created, democracy and what it might mean to be an active citizen in the community. The students will participate in role plays and form their own political parties. Our trip to Canberra is a fantastic way to finish off the unit, allowing the students to see it all play out in real life. Our initial few weeks are focussing on Leaders and Leadership. Students will explore qualities effective leaders possess and how we can all work as leaders within our community. An important reminder to all families that the final payment for camp is due on Feb 24th. Notices containing itinerary details and clothing requirements etc will be sent home early March.

MATHS

For *Maths* this term we are focussing on Place Value, Location and Automatic Response and will be working with Mathletics and BlitzMasters in class time to consolidate what we have learnt.

ENGLISH

In *English* we are exploring discussion texts, completing spelling tasks through the 'Words Their Way' program and we will continue to work on comprehension when reading in small reading groups using government texts. We will be using the Lexile program this year, which is now called LiteracyPro. Ask your child about CAFÉ reading, our whole school reading initiative designed to improve comprehension, accuracy, fluency and expand vocabulary.

IPADS

Students have reviewed the iPad expectations in class and have already used them for many activities. Please find attached the updated app list that was sent out via Tiqbiz at the end of 2016. Reminder to all students and families that the use of non-school supported games, apps and music is not allowed at school.

HOMEWORK

Mt Eliza Primary School staff are reviewing the current homework requirements. This year a homework matrix will be introduced in an effort to make homework more meaningful for the students. This matrix is being developed over the next two weeks with the first rollout in week 3. We will be interested to receive feedback once it is up and running.



Tissues Please

Can we get everyone to please donate a box of tissues for use throughout the year.

COMING UP

- Tuesday & Wednesday, 14th and 15th February – Meet the teacher interviews
- Wednesday, 22nd February – Gr 4-6 Swimming Pines Pool
- Friday, 24th February – Last day for Camp balance payments
- Friday, 24th February - Leadership Conference
- Tuesday, 28th February – School Photos
- Monday, 27th February – 3rd March - Beach Program
- Tuesday, 28th February – Michael Grose Spoonfed Generation 7pm
- Friday, 3rd March – Movie Night 'Under the Stars'
- Monday, 13th March - Labour Day
- Wednesday, 15th March – Divisional Swimming sports
- Thursday, 23rd March – Summer Lightning Premiership
- Tuesday, 28th – Friday 31st March - Canberra Camp
- Wednesday, 29th March – Regional swimming sports
- Friday, 31st March – Last day term – dismissal at 2.30 pm

PLEASE REMEMBER to return ALL notes and payments for excursions/incursions on time. If they are not received by the cut off date the student is not permitted to attend.