

# News from 4/5P & 5/6JC

Welcome to Term Four! It is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting term. Some of the things that will be happening are:

- Market Fresh Day (Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October)
- Art Exhibition (Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October)
- Global Magazine Project (Starting this week. More information below)
- Day for Daniel (Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. More information to follow)
- Student Leadership Team Meeting (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October)
- Swimming (Starting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November)
- Whole School Transition Day (everyone goes into next year's grade)
- Grade 6 Transition Sessions with Sharon Blackwell
- Grade 6 Graduation (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December)
- Class Parties & KK (Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December)
- Whole School Christmas Carols (Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December)

## Flipped Writing Homework

'Flipped Homework' was trialled in Term Three. Feedback from students and parents has been mostly positive.

Students said:

- The film clips were funny!
- The puppets were good teachers
- I like it because we get to do more writing at school (This is possible as students have already learnt the content and focus on applying their knowledge at school)
- It's better than normal homework!

Parent FAQ about Flipped Homework:

Question	Answer
Why are children watching movies for homework?	Any movie clips we make or include for flipped homework have specific things we want students to learn. Students then get to apply what they have learned from the clip at school. For example, last term, we made a movie about how to punctuate dialogue in a text. Students watched the movie as part of their homework, completed a quick quiz and then practised punctuating dialogue at school.  Students can watch a movie clip as many times as they need in order to fully understand the concept. This means they get to learn at their own pace.
What if we don't have the Internet?	Students can watch any flipped homework film clips before school or during lunch eating time. Some students have been choosing to watch the clip at lunch time on the day it is handed out.

## Homework Timetable

	4/5P		5/6JC	
	Handed Out	Due Back	Handed Out	Due Back
<b>Traditional Homework</b> Reading Spelling Maths	Friday	Thursday	Friday	Thursday
<b>Flipped Homework</b> Writing / Inquiry	Friday	Monday	Friday	Wednesday

## Rotation Timetable

Our Friday afternoon rotations are now as follows:

	Grade 4/5P	Grade 5/6JC
12.30pm	Cooking with Mrs Watt	Music with Mrs Simondson
2.15pm	Music with Mrs Simondson	Cooking with Mrs Watt

Each grade also has one Health session per fortnight. This term's topic across the school is "Promoting Healthy Living". In Grades 4-6, these sessions will focus mainly on Drug Education and developing safe practises around medication.

## Global Magazine Project & Twitter

We have set ourselves the goal of publishing a children's magazine by the end of the term. The magazine will contain a variety of articles, all written by Grade 4/5/6 students. We have decided to do this in order to:

- Compare the similarities and differences between children, classes and schools around the world
- Learn about what is happening around the world (Eg. natural disasters, our Inquiry for Term 4)
- Use our literacy skills for a really authentic purpose
- Develop interviewing skills
- Work with children from other classes
- Write for a real audience
- Use our ICT skills and learn new ones
- Raise money for an international charity

One of the tools we will be using to communicate with people for our magazine is Twitter. Twitter is a website that lets you connect with others. At the heart of Twitter are small (140 characters) bursts of information called tweets. If you use Twitter, you can follow us @UPPS\_456. All requests will be approved so that we can monitor who reads our tweets. We will be following other classes, authors and educational tweeters. Student will only be able to 'tweet' at school as only teachers have the username and password.

## **Class Blogs**

Our class blogs are well and truly up and running. There are photos, videos and recounts about classroom events and learning. It is a great way to see what happens during a school day. We love reading comments and aim to reply to all within a week.

You can also access information about our Term 4 Curriculum and find out what we will be focusing on in literacy, numeracy and inquiry.

4/5P Class Blog <http://upps45p.global2.vic.edu.au>

5/6JC Class Blog <http://upps56jc.global2.vic.edu.au>

## **Hats**

Now that we are in Term 4 all students must wear a hat with a brim. Students who do not have a hat will need to stay in the Gazebo during recess and lunch. Caps are not to be worn to school. Hats are available from the uniform shop for \$5.00 each.

## **Email Update**

If you need to make an appointment time, have a concern or question, email has proven to be a very effective form of communication. Staff check emails daily. The email addresses below remain unchanged.

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We're looking forward to another fantastic term!

Kind regards,

Amy, Peter and Carolyn