

Grade 5/6 Team Update

Term 3



Welcome to Term 3! Lots of things are happening this term and some of them are explained in more detail in this newsletter.

Somers Camp

There is an opportunity for two students to attend Somers Camp. The camp provides an opportunity for social interaction between children drawn from many schools and presents a variety of challenging situations through outdoor education and contact with the local environment. It is staffed by teachers within our region. No UPPS teachers will be attending.

DATES: (removed for blog copy of newsletter)

COST: \$250.00

Somers Camp is situated on Westernport Bay, 80km from Melbourne (Melway Map Ref 193 H9).

Please email Miss Crowther before **Friday 17th July** if you would like your son/daughter to attend Somers Camp. Please remember that they must also attend our school camp.

Grade 5/6 Camp

An update about camp, along with a clothing list and dietary requirements is attached to this newsletter. Please use the checklist to avoid missing any deadlines.

Homework & Home Reading

There is detailed information about our Homework routines on the class blog. Click on the students tab and then the homework tab. Electronic copies of some tasks are also available on the blog.

Our aim for homework this year is to develop habits and provide tasks that will make the transition to Secondary School homework more seamless. Diaries are very important in keeping track of homework and due dates. We ask that parents look at and sign the diaries weekly.

Reading: Students are expected to read for 15 minutes each school night. Students should write the title of the text read and the total number of nights read in their diaries.

Research Projects: We will have two research projects this term.

Spelling Homework: Students receive 8 – 10 spelling words every Monday that they must write out each night and hand in on Friday. There is also a 'Spelling Homework Tasks' grid. All tasks should be completed in homework books.

Numeracy Homework: All students have a 'Numeracy Homework' display folder to keep their homework in. Numeracy homework is usually one sheet with revision problems from the week's lessons.

Overnight Homework: Occasionally, students may be asked to complete a short task overnight (as this happens at Secondary School). It should take no longer than 10 - 15 minutes. This is another homework approach from our Student Opinion Survey.

Finishing Off School Work: If students use their time unwisely at school they will be asked to complete the work at home. This is their responsibility and not yours.

Please note that this does not apply if a student uses all their class time well and doesn't finish the task.

Optional Homework: Through our Student Opinion Survey, some students have requested extra homework. Students may like to complete tasks on Mathletics or read our class blog, post comments and/or reply to comments.

Also this term...

- Growth Mindset Challenge
- First Aid Training Incursion – Monday 27th July
- Camp
- Hoop Time (for those students who asked to be included in a team)
- Susan McLean eSmart student and parent sessions – 7th / 9th September
- Miss Newton & Mr Sinclair return (pre service teachers) – September

Information about the above events/activities will be sent home throughout the term through the school newsletter and/or parent emails.

Thank you for your support throughout Terms One and Two. We are looking forward to another exciting term and hope you are too!

Amy & Carolyn

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