

The Grade 5/6 Team Weekly Newsletter

This week's newsletter is proudly brought to you by Bailey & Brock

What's been happening in the 5/6 Team this week?

Writing: The past two weeks in writing we have been doing narratives. Most of the class enjoy working on narratives! Last week we got to write a narrative about anything we wanted and this week we had to use a prompt called 'The Box.'

Maths: Since the start of term, we have been focusing on multiplication and division. Some of the strategies we've used for multiplication are formal algorithm, split strategy and the lattice strategy. We have also started getting maths homework from our split maths teacher. It is handed out on Wednesdays and due back on Mondays.

Reading: We are using the illustrations and the sentence to help understand the meaning of new words. We are also using a contract so we get to choose the order of the reading tasks.

Art: This term in art we are learning about Indonesian and this week we made our own patterns to make batik. Batik is a type of clothing used in Indonesia.

Science: In science we are learning about simple machines. Simple machines have been around for hundreds of thousands of years.

PE: We are practicing for interschool sports.

Class Meetings: We now have a class bank account. At this week's class meeting we found out how much money we have earned from the market stall and ANZAC biscuit sales. We have \$245. If we can earn and save \$1000 by the end of the year we will go on an excursion. We brainstormed places we could go like Funfields, Airborne. It is part of our Earn and Learn topic.

Genius Hour: We didn't have Genius Hour last week because of Interschool Sport and rotations. But, our Genius Hour Exhibition will be 5th June. Put it in your diary!

Earn and Learn: We had our first auction and got to spend our Behaviour Bucks, Clean Up Coupons and Homework Hoorahs.

Exciting Delivery...

At the end of last term in a free choice writing session, three people wrote an email to a company called Shamrock. The boys didn't really expect to hear back, but they did! **FIVE** very large boxes arrived packed full of art and craft supplies. There was also a letter with the boxes saying that they were donating the materials as raffle prizes or for us to use at school. We think we might use it to help earn money for our bank account and excursion.

If you can, please visit the art and craft factory outlet store at 21 – 23 Joseph Street in Blackburn North.



5/6 Team Notice Board

Reminders:

- All camp notices should now be returned.
- Grade 6s need to return their Transition information form by 23rd May.
- Bring \$1 and a mug on Tuesdays for a hot chocolate drink.

Notices sent home this week were school photos, Dolly's Disco Bingo, school newsletter.

Happy Birthday to George, Olivia S, Chelsea & Billie. Happy Mothers' Day to all of our Mums and Grandmas ☺



Have you subscribed to our class blog?

The address is <http://upps56team.global2.vic.edu.au>. Look for the 'Subscribe' option on the right hand side and type in your email address.

Congratulations to Seth, Sam, Mitchell, Cam, Grayson, Kayla, Jarrad and George for getting last week's and this week's awards.

Well Done!

Interschool Sport has started...sort of! Last week's game was washed out and this week's teams from the other school are on camp. Our next game is planned for Friday 16th May at Middle Kinglake P.S.

Vox Pop

Each week we will be asking people from our class a question and sharing their answers with you. This week we asked...

What have you learnt this week?



I have learnt what 'counterespionage' means.

I have learnt that it's good to start a narrative with a sound because it makes the reader want to keep reading.

I have learnt how to use the lattice strategy to multiply big numbers.

I have learnt that I can run around the school in 1 minute and 57 seconds.

I have learnt how to do multiplication algorithms – the big ones!