



Senior School (Year 5 and 6) Curriculum Newsletter Term 3 2017

Welcome back students and parents! We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable holiday break. Our team of teachers are looking forward to continuing working with you and your children throughout Term 3.

Integrated Curriculum

HISTORY

Year 5/6: Migration/Power to the People

SCIENCE

Year 5/6: Chemical Reactions

Welcome Ms Philippa Statkus to 6B

Philippa is excited to be joining the 5/6 team and can't wait to meet all of the WPPS students. She has been teaching in WA for over 10 years, and taught Year Five at Orchard Grove PS in the first half of this year. She moved to Melbourne last year, and is loving discovering new places to visit and things to do! She is looking forward to working with 6B and getting to know them all.

Dynamic Smoke Modelling CSIRO

Atmospheric particles are a leading cause of asthma, and in rural Victoria smoke from prescribed burning is often a leading cause of poor air quality. We propose to develop a STEM activity with schools in regional VIC to look at the issue of smoke impacts on air quality and health using emerging sensor technology.

The STEM activity will teach students how smoke can affect humans, in terms of health, visibility, odour and loss of amenity, and assess how ambient particles are measured, from air quality monitoring stations with fully calibrated instruments to low cost sensors being used by community members.

We will assist students to build their own particle sensor unit that they will use to monitor ambient particle levels over a prescribed burning season in their area followed by processing and analyses of the collated data sets. We also plan to have a particle instrument located at the school for calibration and validation of the built particle sensor units.

Transition to Year 7

Year 6 students will receive documentation later this term regarding secondary school placements for 2017. Please keep an eye out for these important documents and ensure these are returned to your child's teacher by the due date to ensure your child has the best chance of gaining a place at the school of your choice. Many schools will have Open Days so please contact the schools directly to find out when the tours will occur.

Regards,

The Year 5 & 6 team

The Year 5 & 6 team are committed to providing a high quality teaching and learning program that helps to best prepare your children for their transition to high school.

IMPORTANT DATES

July

18th Term 3 begins

24th Year 6 Bike Ed commencing

24th Hoop Time Years 5/6

27th Coach Approach Athletics Event Years 3-6

August

1st ICAS English

4th Jeans For Genes Day

11th 14th 15th Book Fair

16th Meerkat Productions – whole school incursion

15th ICAS Maths

15th-23rd Somers Camp

24th Year 6 Scienceworks excursion

26th Daffodil Day

28th Literacy & Numeracy Week

29th Yr 5/6 Science Incursion

31st Whole school photos

September

4th Bike Ed commencing Year 5

6th Night of the Notables

14th RU OK Day

18th –22nd Year 5/6 camp

22nd End of Term 3: **Early Finish 2.30pm**