



GEMBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Values: RESPECT and HIGH EXPECTATIONS

Vision: To provide every student with every opportunity to be the best they can be.

Mission Statement: A View To The Future - Gembrook Primary School is a vibrant and aspirational education community that provides a safe and supportive learning environment that enables a personalised, engaging and challenging learning program.

Our objective is for students to achieve the academic, social, emotional and physical growth to thrive in a global society.

Grade 5/6 NEWSLETTER

Term 1, 2021

Dear Parents,

We would like to warmly welcome everyone to the 2021 school year and our Grade 5/6 Team! We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing holiday! We have hit the ground running with the students working hard to set up their new learning spaces. Establishing shared expectations of the learning process and environment have played a vital role in our first week together.

To all our new students and families we would like to take this opportunity to introduce our teaching team:

Casey Mitchell – 5/6M

I am so excited to be starting a new year in the 5/6 team. It is such a privilege to be working with the senior students again, as they prepare themselves for a successful transition to secondary school. Reading and music have remained passions in my free time but it was fun to add drawing to the list after our May Master Month challenge last year. I am really looking forward to a full year of learning, achievement and fun.

Matt Jones – 5/6J

It was a pleasure to join the Gembrook Primary School community in 2020 and I feel immensely privileged to continue to work with many of the students in the senior school again this year. I love sport and music and look forward to sharing these passions with our 5/6 cohort. This year I hope that our students will come to school excited to learn new content and have lots of fun.

Student Diaries

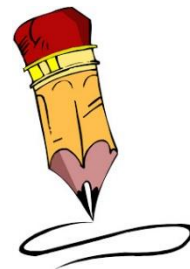
Student diaries will be used by students every day to record their daily home reading and to keep track of events and any work requirements. **Reading rewards will continue to be given to students who read routinely and record it in their diaries. So keep up the dedication!** We are also excited to be trialling a daily reflection to end each day.

Getting to know you Interviews

Just a reminder that our 'Getting to know you' Interviews take place next week with bookings being made via Compass. These sessions are a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss any relevant information that will assist their learning opportunities.

Literacy

This term students will continue to consolidate the good reading habits of successful readers and work to build their reading stamina by reading independently for longer periods every day. The traits of writing will be investigated further in our genre studies of **narrative** and **persuasive** text types. Students will have opportunities to write regularly, using their Writer's Notebooks. This writing will then be revised, edited and published during Writing Workshops. Emphasis will be placed on developing your child's skills to guide their own learning during independent work time, in preparation for greater independence as they transition to secondary school in the near future.



Numeracy

Our Number focus for this term will be on **place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, factors and multiples**. Our applied topics will be **Shape and Angle and Length and Time**. Students will practise **automatic response** to basic number facts, including the times tables during our **Blitzmaster** sessions. Each week students will have the opportunity to develop their problem solving skills using a range of explicitly taught strategies.

Science

Students will be studying **Physical Science**. In the unit of work 'Light Show', students will be provided with opportunities to investigate how light from a source forms shadows and can be absorbed, reflected and refracted.

Inquiry Learning

Students will be studying **Australian History** this term. They will study colonial Australia in the 1800s and learn about what life was like for different groups of people in the colonial period. Students will also interact with a unit of work that will examine cyber bullying and online safety.



Important Dates

There are many **events** planned for this term. Students have been adding dates to their diaries. Please add them to your **calendar** at home so you can assist your child in being organised. Our Athletics Day is scheduled for week 6 with a date to be confirmed.

Date	Event
Wednesday 3 rd February	Grade 3-6 Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 9 th and Wednesday 10 th February	Getting to know you Interviews
Tuesday 18 th February	EDEC Swimming
Wednesday 17 th of February	Information Evening
Friday 26 th of February	Curriculum Day
Monday 8 th of March	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
24 th of March	Districts Athletics

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions about your child's learning.

The 5/6 Teaching Team *Casey Mitchell and Matt Jones*

