



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 2, 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a busy and exciting term! We hope that you had a wonderful break and have returned feeling rested and ready for all the activities and events coming up. As always, we have hit the term running with a strong focus on organisational skills and individual goal setting. We appreciate the continued support of our diary system as a tool to record nightly reading and keep track of important dates.

Literacy

This term students will continue to consolidate the good reading habits of successful readers, working to extend their reading stamina and gain confidence in interacting with more complex texts. The traits of writing will be investigated further in our genre studies of **narrative, persuasive and poetry** 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

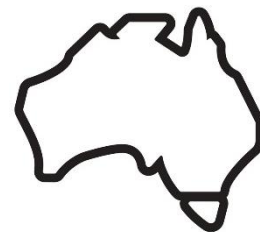
Our Number focus for this term will be on **place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, factors and pre algebraic thinking**. Our applied topics will be **Mapping and Location and Chance and Data**. Students will practise **automatic response** to basic number facts, including the times tables during our **Blitzmaster** sessions. *The race is on to have student finish Level 26 before the end of the year!* 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 **Earth and Space Science**. In the unit of work 'Earthquake Explorers', students will be provided with opportunities to investigate and explain how the sudden release of energy causes movements of the ground which results in damage to structures.

Inquiry Learning

Students will be studying **Geography** this term. They will study how human decisions and actions influence the way spaces within places are organised and managed. They will learn that some climates produce hazards such as bushfires and floods that threaten the safety of places and gain an understanding of the application of the principles of prevention, mitigation and preparedness as ways of reducing the effects of these hazards.



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.

Date	Event
Wednesday 28 th April	District Athletics – Cockatoo
Wednesday 5 th of May	Extension Maths Olympiad Test 2
Tuesday 11 th , Wednesday 12 th , Thursday 13 th of May	NAPLAN – Grade 5 students only
Saturday 15 th of May	Open Day 9pm – 12pm
Monday 17 th of May	Cross Country – Lilydale Lake
Tuesday 25 th of May	School Photos
Wednesday 2 nd of June	Division Cross Country
Thursday 3 rd of June	5/6 Camp Information session 3:30 pm
Friday 4 th of June	CURRICULUM DAY – no student attendance
Thursday 10 th of June	Lightening Premiership - Cockatoo
Monday 14 th of June	Queen's Birthday
Wednesday 16 th of June	Extension Maths Olympiad Test 3
Tuesday 22 nd , Wednesday 23 rd , Thursday 24 th of June	5/6 Camp – Woorabinda
Friday 5 th of June	2:30pm Early Finish

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*