

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 3, 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a busy term 3. We hope you all had a relaxing holiday, particularly after the excitement of the Woorabinda Camp. The students excelled during all the challenging camp activities and represented Gembrook PS with pride!

After a very successful semester 1, the students are straight back into their goal driven learning. Term 3 is an opportunity for all students to really challenge themselves, apply the work habits they have practiced and gain greater independence in understanding where they need to go next.

A number of sporting events from last term had their dates pushed back to later this term, so please read the diary dates below closely.

Student Diaries

Student diaries will continue to be used to record nightly 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!**

3 Way Conferences

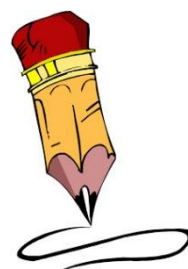
These conferences are scheduled to take place in week 3 of the term. These sessions are a great opportunity to celebrate the success your child has achieved, discuss your child's semester 1 report and set future learning goals and areas for improvement. Please book in via Compass.

Production

With much excitement, this term sees a return of our whole school musical! **Matilda the Musical** will be performed at Emerald Secondary College in week 10, the final week of term. Leading roles were assigned after auditions late last term and each grade will perform an item. Keep an eye out for ticket information later in the term.

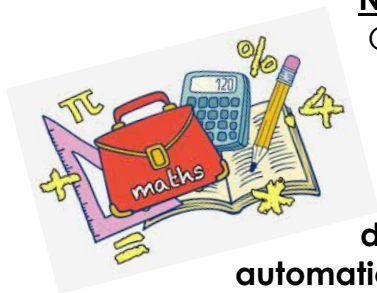
Literacy

Semester 1 saw a real focus on expanding the students reading diets, exploring new genres, and strengthening their reading stamina. This term students will continue to consolidate their reading comprehension skills and ability to 'dig deep' within a text. Through our Author Study unit, students will explore the life and writing skills of Australian author, Jackie French. Under the genre of 'historical fiction', students will publish a narrative that attempts to



emulate the writing style of Jackie French. Our informative unit later in the term, will present students with the opportunity to strengthen their skills in drafting, revising, editing and publishing nonfiction texts on a topic of their choosing.

Numeracy



Our Number and Algebra focus for this term will be on **place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, factors and multiples. Fractions and decimals** will also remain a strong focus throughout the term. Our applied topics will be **geometric reasoning, volume and capacity, units of measurement, and data and representation.** Students will continue to practise

automatic responses 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

After our success of Science Week as part of our 'Earthquake Explorers' unit last term, a similar format will be used to present 'Marvellous Micro Organisms'. Students will gain an understanding of how yeast obtains energy when it breaks down sugars. They will explore and compare different environments and conditions that are



conductive to support growth of micro-organisms.

Inquiry Learning



Students will be exploring **Digital Technologies** this term. They will study the role of individual components of digital systems and the role they play in processing and representing, and transferring data between systems.

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
Tuesday 12 th – Thursday 15 th of July	Life Education
Tuesday 20 th of July	Division Cross Country
Wednesday 21 st of July	Lightning Premiership
Tuesday 27 th and Wednesday 28 th of July	3- Way Conferences
Wednesday 28 th of July	Olympiad Extension Maths test
Thursday 5 th of August	EDEC Basketball
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th of August	Book Week
Friday 20 th of August	Footy Colours/Hot Dog Day
Tuesday 24 th of August	Rotary Speech Contest
Friday 27th of August	CURRICULUM DAY
Monday 30 th of August – Friday 3 rd of September	GEM WEEK
Monday 9 th of September	EDEC Girls Footy
Wednesday 8 th of September	Olympiad Extension Maths test
Friday 10 th of September	Playhouse Theatre Performance

Tuesday 14 th of September	Production Performance EPAC
Wednesday 15 th of September	Division Athletics
Friday 17 th of September	Final day of term – 2:30pm 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*