

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 4, 2021

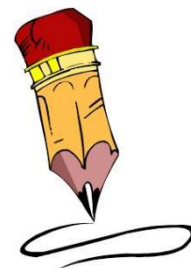
Dear Parents,

Welcome to term 4 of 2021! We hope you were all able to take the foot off the pedal a bit over the break and enjoy some quieter days. We are looking forward to having our students back onsite this Friday the 22nd of October, followed by Thursday and Friday of weeks 4 and 5. The 5th of November is still being used as the indicative date for the return to full time onsite learning with the indicative date of the 5th of November remaining.

Historically, term 4 is action packed and we are hopeful that most traditions, particularly for our grade 6 students, will go ahead. Please feel reassured that planning for key events is well underway. We encourage you to read and make note of the important dates listed below to keep track of exciting events such as our Enterprise Market, Big Day Out and Graduation. We will endeavour to provide you with all the relevant information as each event creeps closer.

Literacy

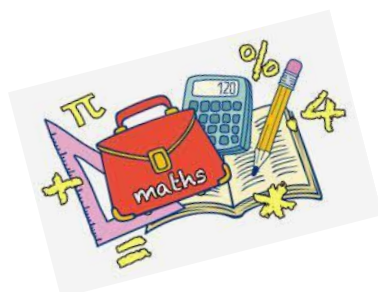
During the first 3 weeks of the term our students will enter the exciting world of 'Memoirs'. Their exploration of this genre will allow students to revisit some of their favourite memories and share them in a meaningful manner. For our grade 6 students in particular, the work produced during memoir writing tasks will be of great assistance in composing an engaging Graduation Speech, later in the term.



Our grade 5 students will also have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the skills and strategies of writing and delivering a powerful speech during our second literacy unit of work, 'Speech Writing'. With the 2022 School Leadership speeches to be presented in week 7, we strongly encourage all of our grade 5 students to begin thinking about which position/s they would like to apply for!

Numeracy

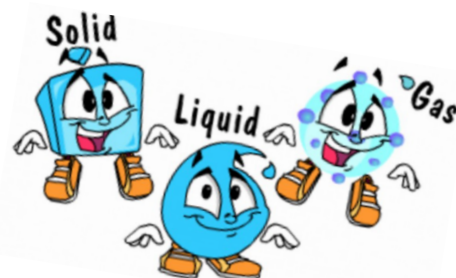
During Number and Algebra topics students will continue to build and consolidate their understanding of key mathematical concepts; **place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, factors and multiples. Fractions and decimals** will also remain a strong focus throughout the term. Our applied 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 **Blizmaster** sessions (on return to school). Each week students will have the opportunity to



develop their problem solving skills using a range of explicitly taught strategies.

Science

Our science topic this term involves the chemical science unit 'What's the Matter'. Students will understand that matter is all around us, and that by investigating different particles, scientists are able to find out more about the universe. Students will explore the properties of solids, liquids and gases. They will plan and conduct investigations into how the properties of materials change with different temperatures.



Inquiry Learning

Students will be exploring the importance of economic and financial decision-making in everyday life. They will consider the concept of opportunity cost and examine why decisions about the way resources are allocated to meet needs and wants in their community. Students will examine the choices made by consumers and businesses

Important Dates

There are many **events** planned for this term. Please note that some are yet to be confirmed. We encourage you to add them to your **calendar**.

Date	Event
Friday 22nd of October	Onsite learning
Thursday 28th and Friday 29th of October	Onsite learning
Tuesday 26th of October	Sexuality Education Parent session
Friday 5th of November	Return to full onsite learning
Monday 6th, Monday 15th and Monday 22nd of November	Sexuality Education student program
Monday 15th - Friday 19th of November	2022 Leadership Speeches - Week 7 time and day to be confirmed
Monday 29th of November - Friday 3 of December	Swimming Program - <i>To be confirmed</i>
Tuesday 7th of December	Year 7 Transition Day (Statewide) Step up Day - Grade 5 students
Wednesday 8th of December	Enterprise Market Gembrook PS Christmas Concert (<i>to be confirmed</i>)
Thursday 9th of December	Proposed onsite HPV event
Friday 10th of December	Academic Excellence Assembly
Wednesday 15th of December	Grade 6 Graduation - Forest Edge Restaurant (<i>to be confirmed</i>)
Thursday 16th of December	Big Day Out - Gumbuya World - Grade 6 students only (<i>to be confirmed</i>)
Thursday 16th of December	Final day of term Early finish
Friday 17th of December	Curriculum Day

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

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