

YEAR 5 PARENT INFORMATION SHEET

Teacher / Subject Breakdown

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Visual Art: Iain Fraser

PE/ Health/ PD: Iain Fraser

Homework:-

Homework is given out to students on Mondays and should be returned for marking on Friday.

Homework will *usually* consist of spelling, reading comprehension and grammar. Two to three pages of Maths will also need to be done in the text books per week.

Visual Art homework assignments will be set from time to time throughout the year.

Students who fail to complete or return homework will spend Friday lunchtimes completing it. If there is a legitimate reason for students not being able to complete homework, please indicate this in your child's diary and this will enable students to avoid homework catch-up.

Other homework assignments may be set by other subject teachers.

Home Reading:-

Students at a Year 5 level should be reading for at least 30 minutes per day. All students in Year 5 have been encouraged to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. Many books from the Premier's Reading Challenge are available in the school library.

Students are obviously more than welcome to read books that they may have been given or borrowed from a public library. I understand that public library books are usually marked if they are on the Premier's Reading List.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is to read 20 books in a year.

The Library is open to students on Thursday and Friday lunchtimes.

Students should record the books they read in their Reading Log. This also has information on Maths Speed Test results and other test results completed on any particular week.

Diaries:-

Diaries are a valuable communication device and can easily relay information between teachers and parents. Please check your child's diary at least weekly. Friday is the best day to check as test results will be recorded on this day. Please sign the diary to be checked on Mondays.

A copy of the weekly timetable has been completed by students in the diaries for your information.

Sport:

Team sports are run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays for 40 minutes /session. These sessions

encourage team work, develop basic skills in a range of sports and are good exercise sessions.

Tuesday is PE/ Health/PD day. This is a double session which has a component of theory on various Health and Personal Development issues followed by an intensive session on a particular sport for the term.

Please make sure your child has applied sunscreen on sports days. The school has a No Hat- No Play policy. Tuesday is the day when students should wear sports uniform.

Classroom Management:

Students are aware of classroom rules and the consequences of breaking the rules, which range from a warning to lunchtime detention. Out of character behaviour and extreme behaviour will normally warrant communication between the school and the child's parents.

Students have elected team captains and a Class Secretary and chosen their own teams. There is a point system in the room with some worthy rewards for the winning team at the end of each term and for the overall winner at the end of the year.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN tests are held early in term two this year. These tests are set for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 at a national level and test students in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Parents normally see NAPLAN results in August.

Year 5/6 Examinations:

This year will see students in Year 5 and 6 completing mid-year and end of year exams in most Key Learning Areas. The exams will give students some worthwhile experience in study habits and exam conditions, as well as giving teachers some clear insight into student progress.

Mass:

Students in Year 5 attend Mass on Thursdays at 10:30.

Mottoes:

School mottoes that reinforce virtues are introduced weekly and discussed as a class for a short time at the beginning of the week.

Pen Licenses:

Students in Year 5 are able to gain their pen licenses. Pen licenses are earned by using neat and legible handwriting consistently in all work books, remembering things like margins and using a ruler when needed. Students should be using cursive writing in all work books.

Art Smocks: Please provide your child with a painting smock during Visual Art lessons.

USB: It would be a good idea to purchase a USB for your son.

Choir: The primary choir will begin this Monday. All boys in Year 5 are welcome to join.

If you would like to meet with me on a personal basis, I am available most mornings from 8:30am or after school on most days.

