



**Grade 5/6 Learning Community
Curriculum Newsletter
Term 4, 2020**

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Welcome to Term 4 at AGPS!

It's been fantastic to see everyone back at school this week!

The students have been so happy to see everyone in person and they're motivated to make the most of their learning in this last term of the year. Thank you to all families for your efforts and support during Remote Learning.

5/6A – Alana Anderson 5/6B – Sarah Bergin 5/6C – Carolyn Cobain 5/6S – Simon Payton
Education Support: Tamara Scales Sharon Stevens Adam Webster

Reminders:

Hats: A reminder that students are to wear their sun smart school hats in the yard during Term 4

Classroom Cuisine: lunch orders are available on Wednesdays in Term 4 <https://classroomcuisine.com.au>

Book Week Incursion: \$6 per child - payment through Compass is due by Friday 16 October

Reading:

In Week 3 of this term we will be celebrating Book Week; this year's theme is Curious Creatures, Wild Minds. We will read the Children's Book Council's short listed books and attend a virtual incursion featuring a performance titled "The Greatest Discovery". We will end the week with a dress up day – we look forward to seeing the students' costumes! During class Reading sessions we will focus on a range of magazines, looking at the variety of text types and features that are included. This will assist the students with producing their own magazines during Writing sessions. We will also read and interpret poetry by a range of authors and in a range of formats, considering the author's message, major themes and the feelings and moods elicited.

Writing:

The 5/6 students will work on an exciting Writing project this term – they will produce their own magazine on a topic of their own choice, e.g. an animal magazine, a car magazine, a food magazine, a footy magazine, etc. The magazines will feature a range of text types that the students will research, plan, draft, edit and revise. Text types that may be included are: information report, procedure, narrative, biography, news report, persuasive text, poetry, review, labelled diagram, crossword, letter to the editor. Students will publish their pieces of writing in a magazine format of their own design. Throughout the term we will also demonstrate our creativity by writing different types of poems, for example, free verse, rhyming couplets, quatrains, ballads, raps, cinquains, kennings, limericks and haiku.

Mathematics:

We will begin Term 4 with some practical, hands on measurement activities. We will focus on Area, Perimeter, Volume and Capacity, using informal units and scaled instruments to estimate, measure and make comparisons. We will convert between metric units (e.g. centimetres to metres, millilitres to litres) and investigate the use of formulas when calculating measurements. The Grade 5/6s will also approach financial maths in a fun way through a unit of work called "The Game of Life". This requires the students to choose a job and manage their budget - based on their income - by making purchases (e.g. home, car, mobile phone), paying bills (e.g. phone, electricity, water) and saving for a rainy day. We will also work on Patterns and Algebra number tasks throughout the term.

Inquiry:

We will cover a range of topics in Term 4 through our Inquiry studies. We will cover Student Health & Wellbeing by emphasising the importance of respectful relationships (understanding emotions, developing positive coping strategies) and through our Health Education sessions for both Grade 5 and Grade 6 students. Please refer to the message on Compass for further details about the Health Education Information Session for parents and carers; it is being held on Wednesday 21 October. The Grade 5s will be looking to the future with a unit of work on Leadership. They will learn about leadership attributes and skills, leaders in the community and student leadership opportunities at AGPS. They will also participate in team building games and activities. Meanwhile, the Grade 6s will be preparing for their graduation from primary school and their transition to secondary school.

Key Dates:

Monday 19 to Thursday 22 October - Book Week 2020

Friday 16 October - payment of \$6 per child is due for our Book Week Virtual Incursion

Thursday 22 October - Book Week Dress Up Day

Wednesday 21 October at 4pm - Year 5/6 Health Education Information Session - for Parents & Carers in Simon's Webex room (Webex Room Number 571 190 042)

Friday 23 October - Grand Final Eve - public holiday

Monday 2 November - Curriculum Day - student free day

Tuesday 3 November - Melbourne Cup Day - public holiday

Tuesday 1 December - Grade 5/6 Open Water Life Saving Experience - to be confirmed

Thursday 10 December - End of Year Christmas Celebration - to be confirmed

Friday 11 December - Student Reports available on Compass

Monday 14 December - Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony - virtual

Wednesday 16 December - Grade 6 Adventure Park excursion - to be confirmed

Friday 18 December - Last day of Term 4, 1:30pm finish