

Welcome to 5/6 2026

Information Slides

Teaching Staff 2026

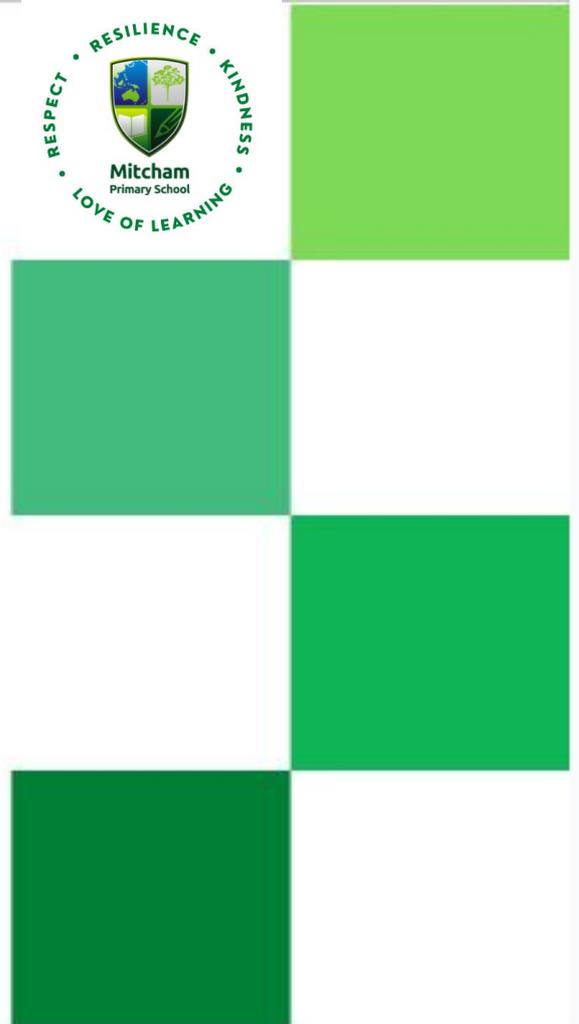
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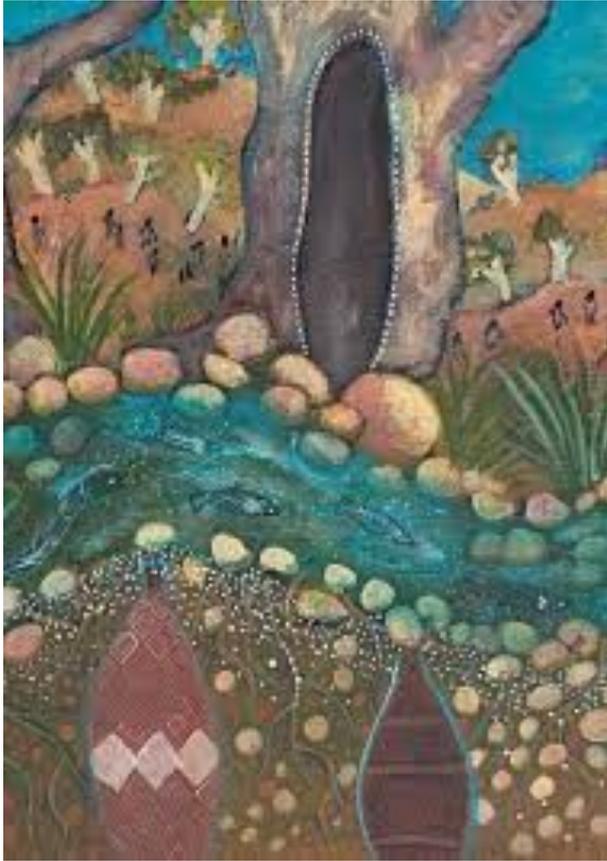
5/6B (Room 6) -Lachlan Mclean

5/6C (Room 1) - Kristy Parslow

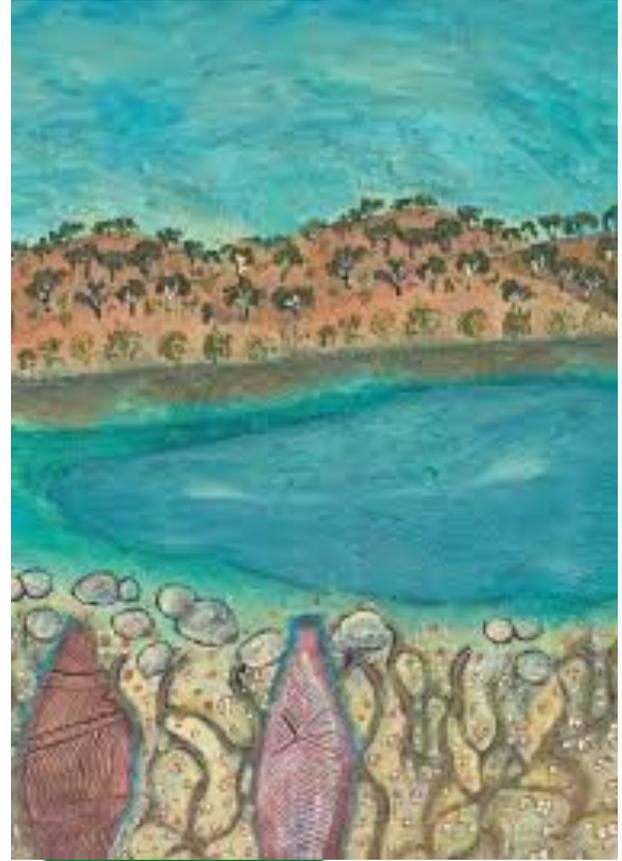
5/6D (Room 4)- Bharti Sood-Anand

5/6E (Room 5) - Claire Todeschini (Team Leader)





We acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, and pay our respect to Elders both past and present. Always was, always will be aboriginal land.



Meet your teachers!



5/6A
Mr Koles /
Mrs Cain

5/6B
Mr McLean

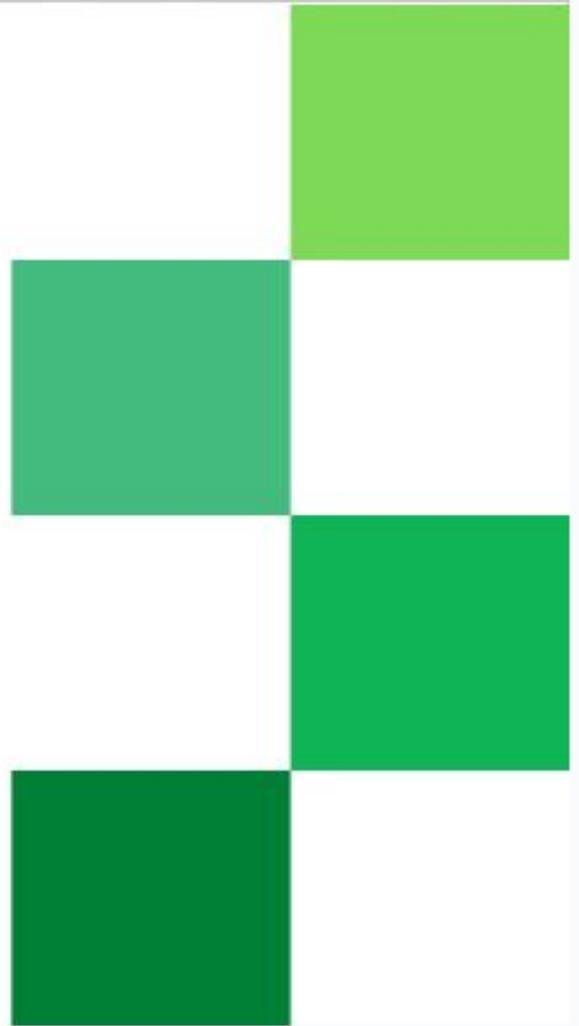
5/6C
Miss Parslow

5/6D
Mrs Bharti

5/6E
Miss
Todeschini

5/6 Expectations

- Developing independence and organisation
- Taking greater responsibility for their learning and behaviour
- Developing children's critical thinking skills
- Getting students ready for high school



School Values

Mitcham Primary School's values are;

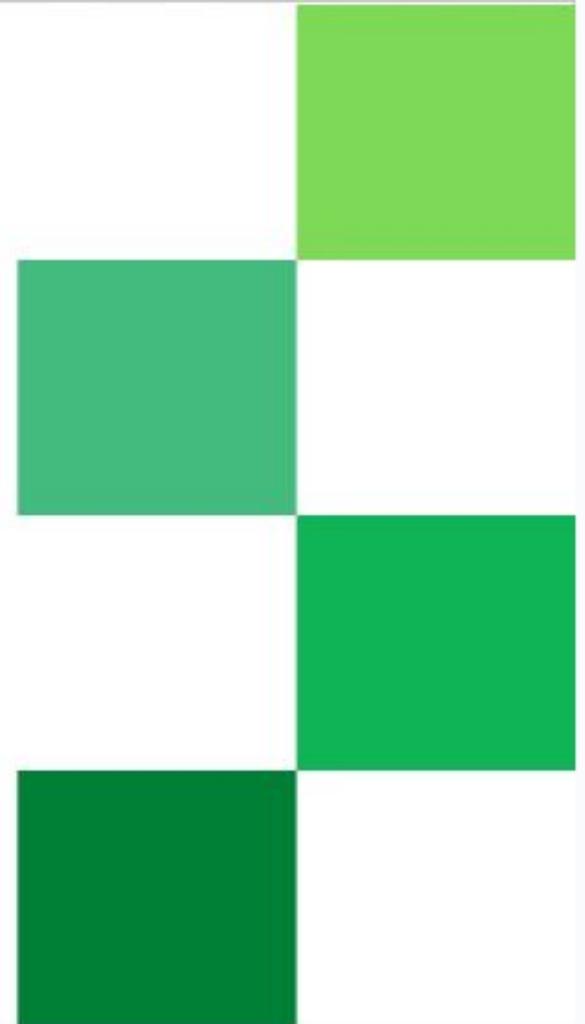
Kindness

Respect

Resilience

Love of Learning

These values are incorporated across the whole school and are part of the language that is used consistently across the school.



SWPBS

School wide positive behaviour support



ALL AREAS



**WE ARE
KIND**

We listen and follow instructions
We show that everyone belongs
We are kind to ourselves

We use manners

We remember personal space

We care for our school environment

WE ARE

RESPECTFUL

**WE ARE
LEARNERS**

We are okay with mistakes
We show curiosity
We have fun!

We have a growth mindset

We are upstanders

We seek help if needed

WE ARE

RESILIENT



Wellbeing at MPS

The wellbeing approach at Mitcham Primary School aligns with the Positive Psychology approach to wellbeing.

Mitcham Mates

Vertical groups (Prep-6 students)

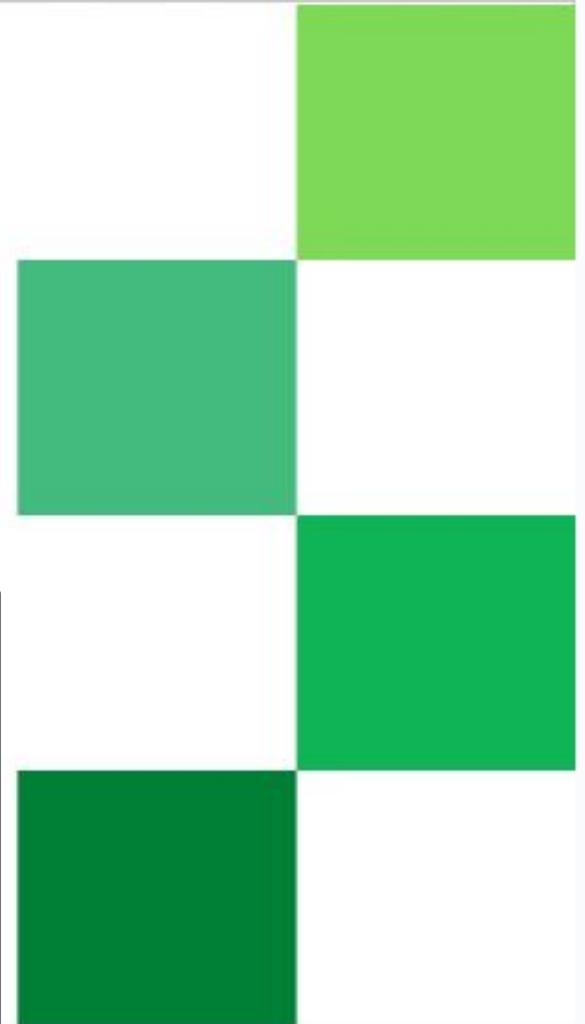
Groups focus on team building or school values

Respectful relationships

Restorative practices

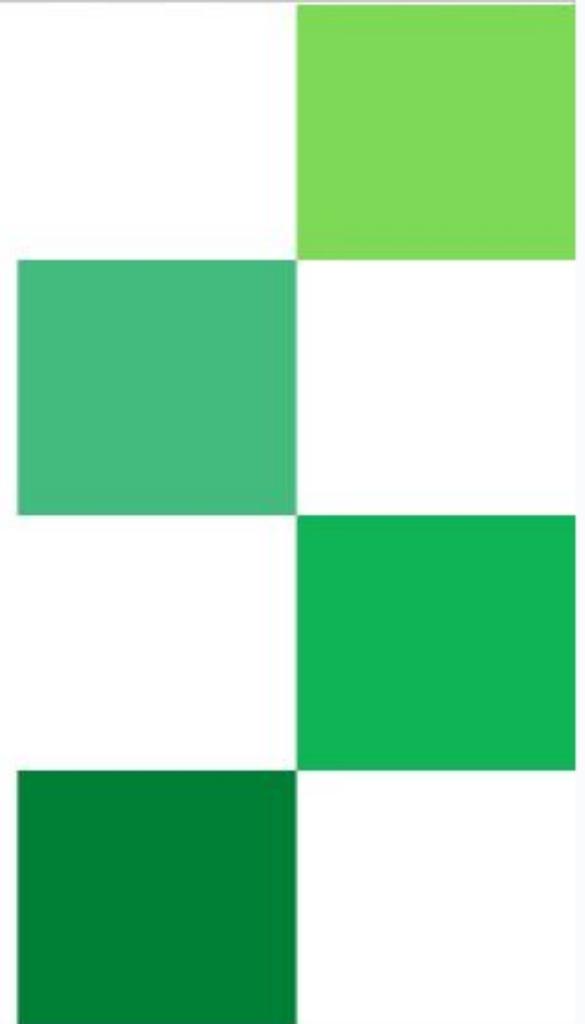
Mindfulness

Friendology



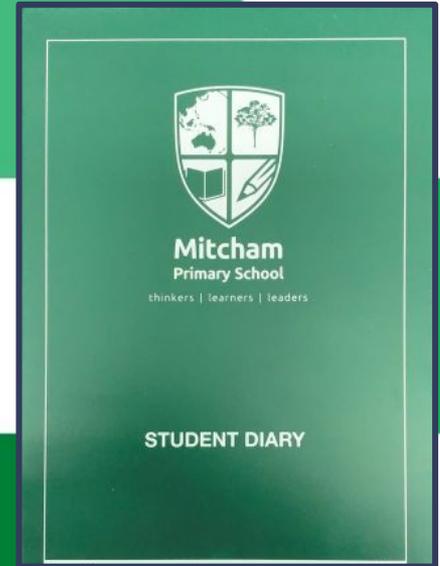
Communication

- Compass/Diaries/document wallets (blue take home folders) are key communication tools
- Parent teacher interviews – Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st (March) and Wednesday 1st of April after school
- Level 5/6 website
- Mithat – fortnightly e-newsletter
- You must enter absences on Compass. Letting us know in advance is appreciated where possible.
- Please book appointments with us so that we can give you time to discuss your questions.



Diaries

- Predominantly for student use
 - Timetable
 - Recording daily reading (including weekly parent/guardian signature for Classroom Economy)
 - Important events & Compass reminders
- Bring every day to school
- Diary can also be used for any questions, other information, where Compass is unavailable. Please remind your child to show this to us if necessary.



Punctuality and Attendance

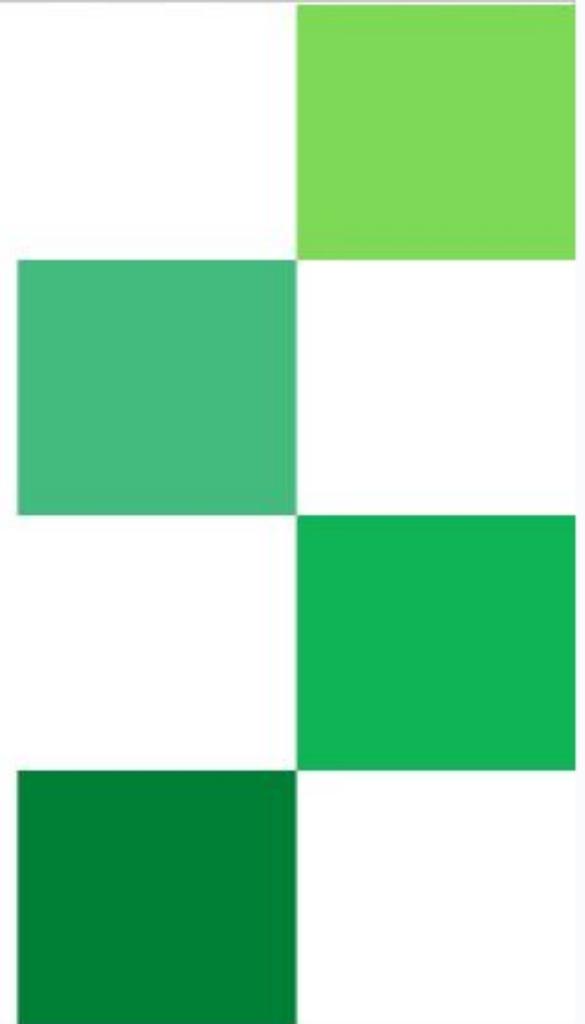
- School begins at 8:45 am.
- Gates open at 8:30 am. Students may play in the yard until the music plays. They will then go into their classroom.
- Late Pass – children to go through to the office to get a late pass.
- Early Leavers pass collect at the office
- School finishes at 3:15 pm, classes dismissed from their rooms.
- If your child is absent please log on Compass the reason for their absence or contact your child's teacher ASAP.



Personalised Learning Needs

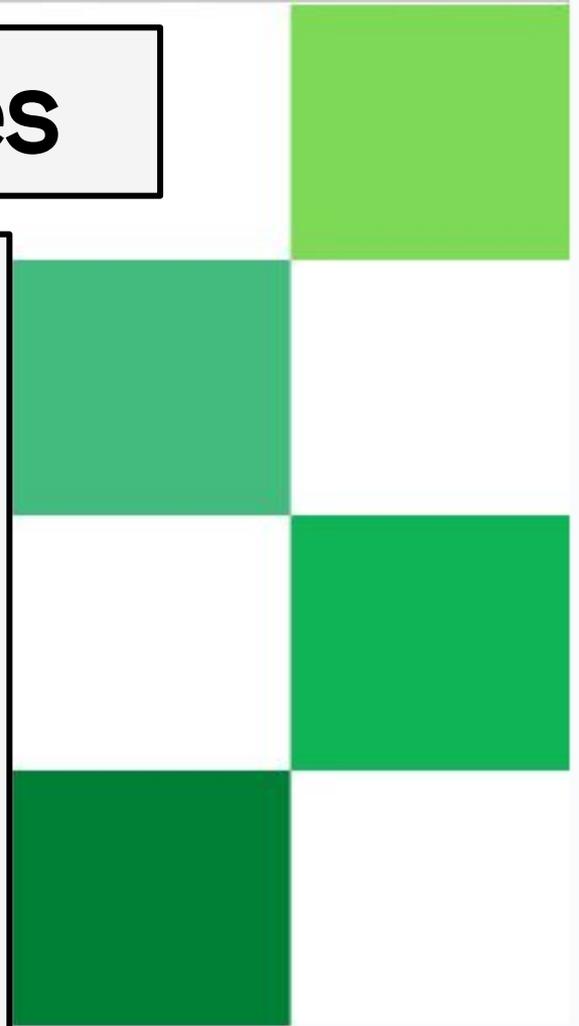
Aim – to cater for each child’s specific learning needs through:

- Differentiated work
- Wellbeing check in
- Communication between teacher and parents
- Focused learning activities according to the needs of a student
- Goals and conferring – regular conferencing with their teacher



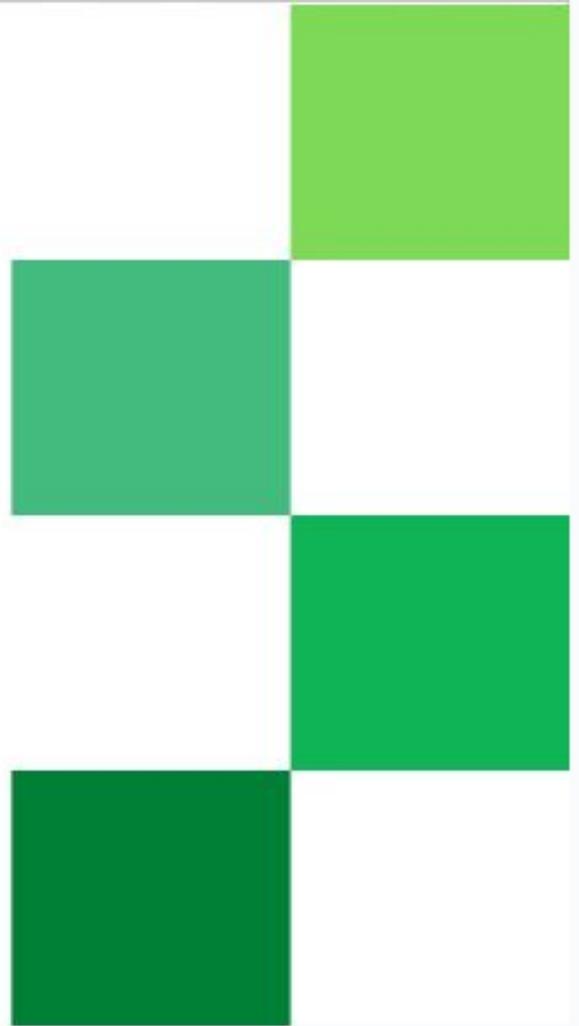
Whole School Approaches

- Number Talks & Math lessons that use hands on materials, explicit teaching, open ended tasks
- Readers' Workshops (including conferencing)
- 6+1 Traits of Writing
- SpellEx
- Your child's skills and understandings are a work in progress. You will see many approximations and attempts in their books. We encourage risk-taking and creativity. Not all errors will be corrected every time, as it depends on our focus. The purpose of correction is to provide meaningful feedback.
- Our learning is done through many modes so not everything may be shown in their books



SPELLEX/ Word Study

- SpellEx is a structured and sequenced program that provides explicit instruction in spelling.
- Students have their own workbooks, which they work through each lesson.
- Incorporates four strands- phonics, morphology, orthography and etymology.
- Students engage in SpellEx lessons two-three times a week.
- Progress is regularly assessed throughout the term



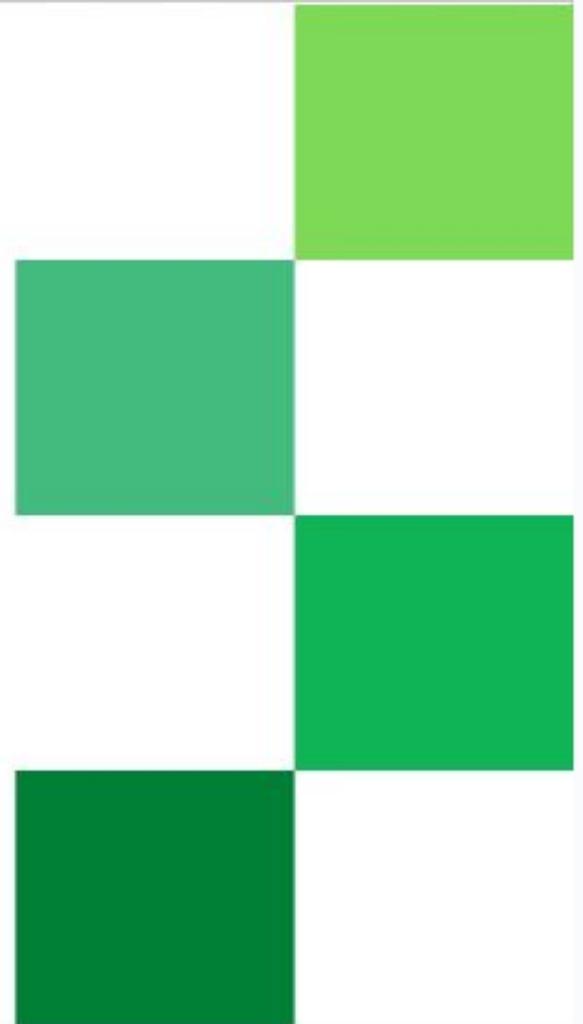
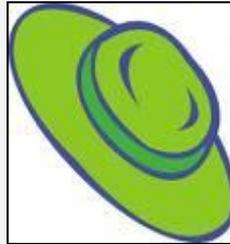
Technology

- All students in Grade 5 and 6 have the opportunity to use Chromebooks. If your student has an iPad, this too can be used with their Chromebook. If your child does not have a device we will provide one for use at school.
- **Please remember to charge devices at home each night and be signed into their school account!**
- Google Classroom is key for accessing learning activities, classroom information & assessments
- Cyber Safety sessions - teaching responsible digital practices
- Large screens in all classrooms
- Media studio
- STEM specialist (Mrs Lamont)



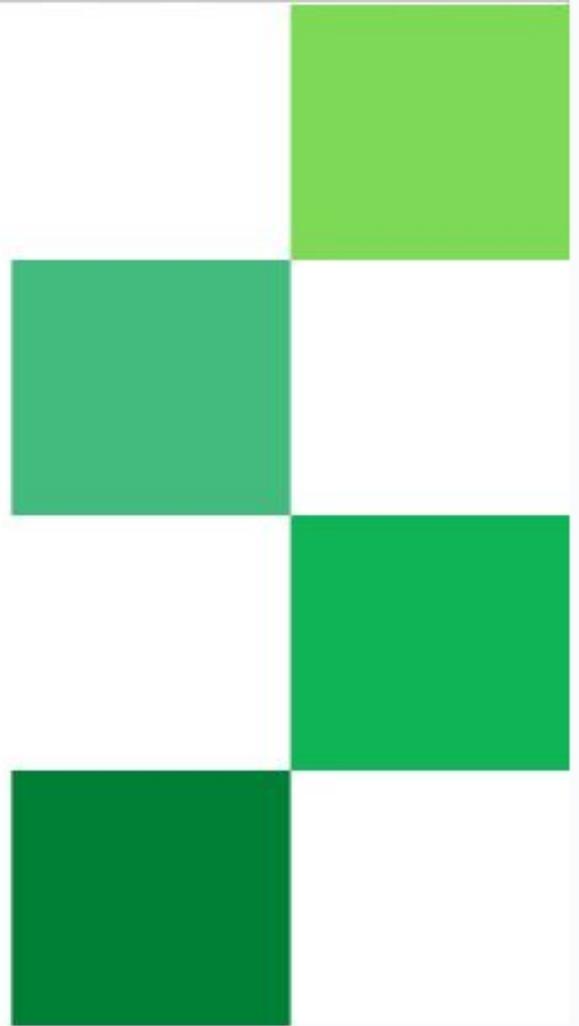
Uniform and Being Sunsmart

- Black shoes
- Sports shoes
- Uniform
- Hats (Term 1 and 4)
- Water bottles
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses



Hygiene

- Discuss personal hygiene with children
- Ensure clean uniform and sportswear
- Roll on antiperspirant



NAPLAN

NAPLAN commences the week of the 9th of March and runs over two weeks.

11th March: Writing (online)

12th March: Reading (online)

16th March: Language Conventions (online)

17th March: Mathematics (online)

What You Can Do at Home

- Talk about it to children calmly so they have a positive attitude
- Get to bed on time the night before the tests
- Healthy breakfast on test days
- Be on time
- Further information nap.edu.au and we will provide more as well

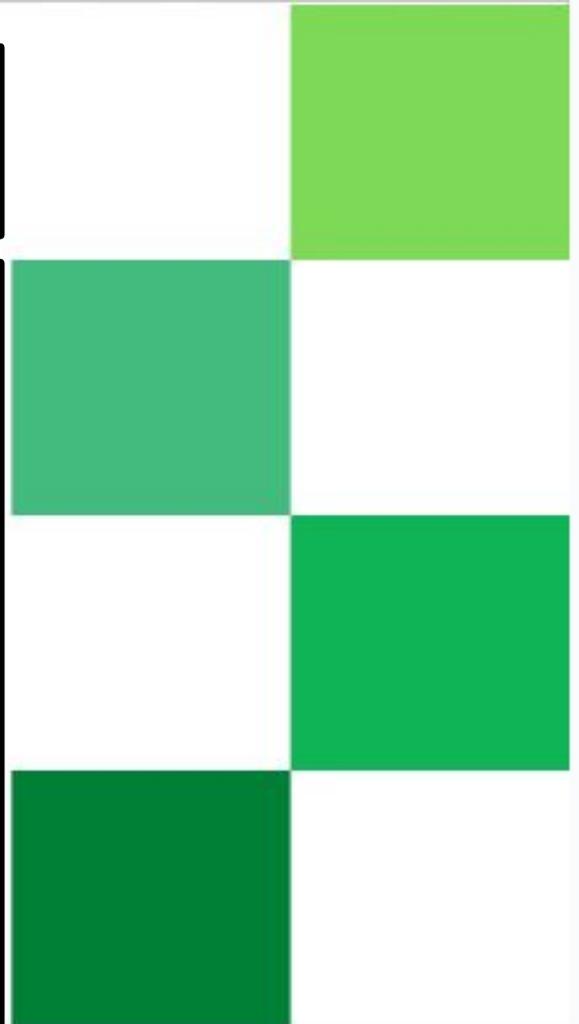
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BEST

Homework

- Reading - 15 mins minimum, 5 days a week, to be signed weekly (Thursday is preferred)
- Health & Wellbeing/ Inquiry- based on reflections of work covered in class
- Finishing off - mimic the structure of high school

Optional -

- Premier's Challenge – 15 books by end of Term 2 (10 from the Readers Challenge and 5 of free choice)
- Revision of key concepts across all subjects with optional homework slides



CAMP

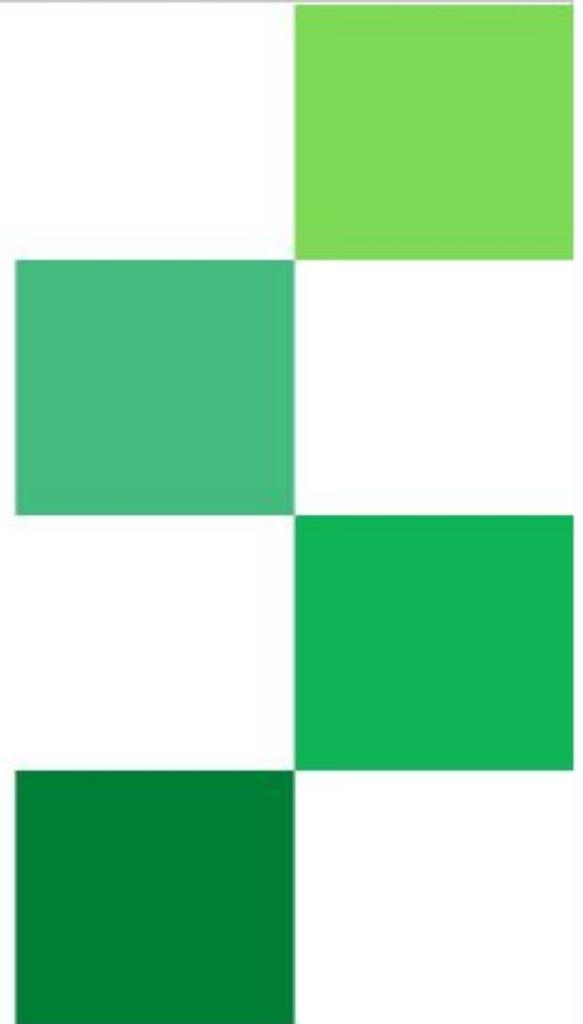
Where: Campaspe Downs, Kyneton

When: 3rd - 5th June 2026

Who: All Year 5 and 6 students

Why: Directly links to the Victorian Curriculum under Civics and Citizenship. Camp also offers many opportunities and is an important part of your child's educational and social learning.

Depart: Leave from school - time TBA



Cyber Safety Project

As a school that values the importance of technology, we need to ensure that we teach children how to be safe when using the online platform.

On demand webinars provided across the year.

Further information around these sessions to come.

CYBER SAFETY PARENT RESOURCES



<https://cybersafetyproject.com.au/families/>

Specialist Programs

Physical Education



Laura Ellis & Bec
Peters

Visual Arts



Emma Bates &
Bec Peters

Performing Arts



Caitlin Kolokathis

STEM



Lauren Lamont

Students attend a 50 minute session every week. 5/6 sport session takes place every Friday.

The LOTE program for 5/6 students consists of AUSLAN for Semester one and Indonesian in Semester 2.



LOTE
Bu Glenda &
Lisa Cooke



EAL
Michelle Dybing

5/6 Family Connection

Dear Parents and Families of Year 5/6 for 2026,

We trust that you have enjoyed your holiday break and the students are ready to rumble for their grade 5/6 year!

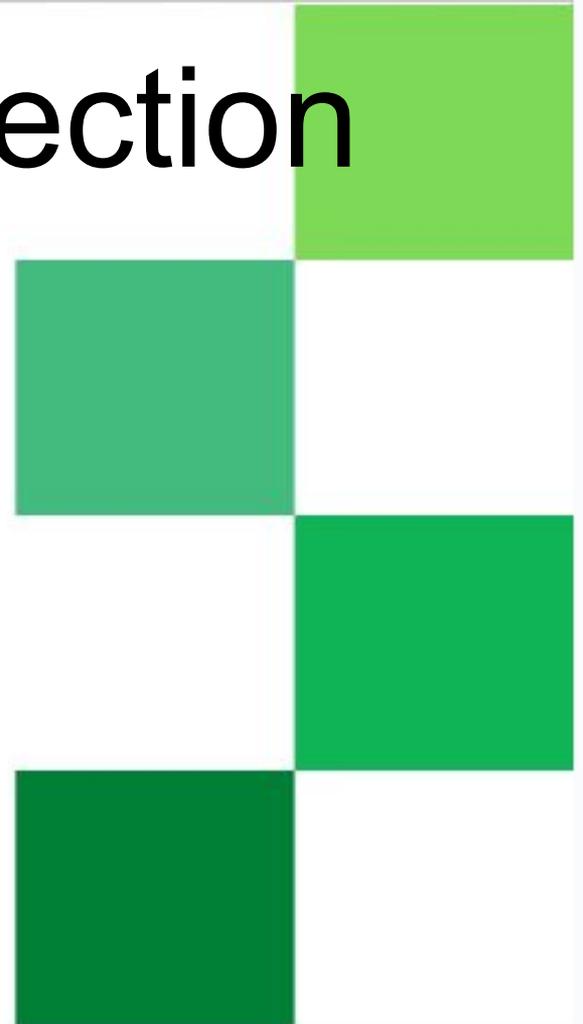
Please join other families from your child's level at Halliday Park from 3.30 for a picnic and play. This will be a great opportunity for families to connect and get to know other people within their year level.

Date: Level 5/6 - Monday 9th February

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

As always, we appreciate your ongoing support.

From the 5/6 Teachers.



Leadership Badges- Assembly

MPS school leaders are being presented with their leadership badges on Friday the 13th of February.

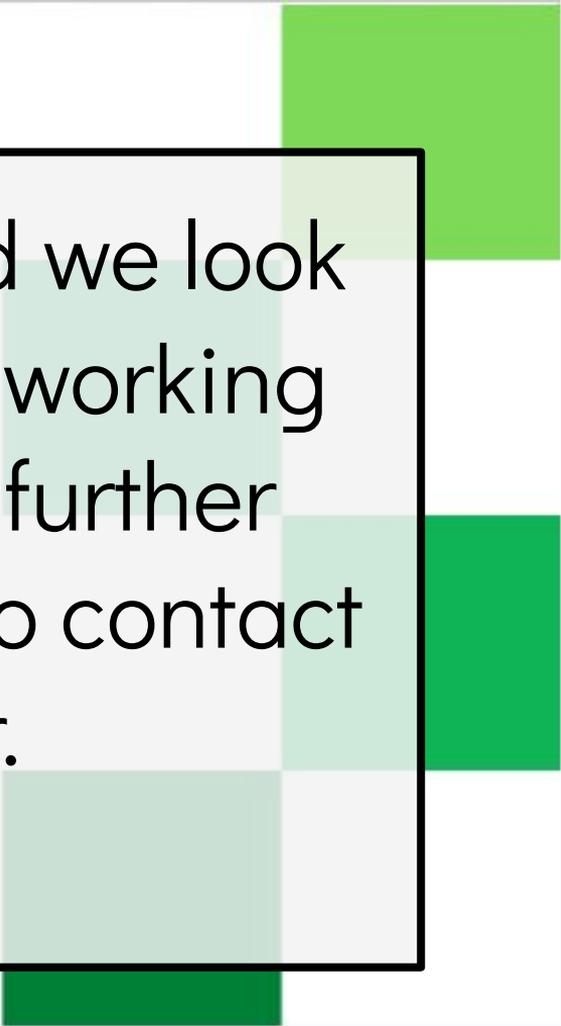
MPS will be at Mallauna High School from 8:50am for a Welcome to Country Ceremony and we will be back at Mitcham for our leadership badge presentations from 9:20am.

We welcome parents and families of our new leaders to please join and celebrate.



Parent/Carer Helper Training

- Our Parent Helper Training afternoon will be held on **Tuesday the 10th of February at 2:30pm** in the Library. We would love to see you there!
- All parent helpers must hold a **valid WWCC** and be registered at the office.
- If you are unable to attend, please contact the office for the relevant information.

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Thank you for your time and we look forward to a fantastic year working together! If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Grade 5/6 Team