

## Year 5 Newsletter Term 1 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5 2025. We hope you have enjoyed the holidays with your family and are now looking forward to a new year with all the exciting challenges and rewards it will bring. We look forward to working with the students and their families, further preparing them for their future schooling and becoming independent learners.



### Literacy

In writing, we will be building upon the students' knowledge and understanding of persuasive and narrative texts. The students will learn and implement editing strategies for punctuation and spelling. In reading, the students will continue to learn comprehension strategies and build vocabulary by engaging in reading train. In spelling, students will develop their understanding of phonological knowledge, prefixes and suffixes, synonyms and antonyms.

### Maths

As part of our number and algebra studies this term, we will be focusing on formal and informal algorithms. Students will learn how to do vertical addition and subtraction as well as a range of multiplication strategies. Students will also be encouraged to develop their mental math skills and implement a range of strategies to develop their ability to work with numbers mentally. We will consolidate our understanding and skills of identifying key information in worded problems and ensuring we are using the appropriate equation. Students will also expand their estimation and rounding skills, as well as their ability to work with 24-hour time and comprehend sophisticated timetables.

### Inquiry

The overarching theme for this term is Growing Together. During Inquiry, we will be exploring the values that underpin Australia's democracy and the importance of the electoral process. We will describe the purpose of key institutions and levels of government in Australia as well as explaining the role of different people in Australia's legal system.

### Religion

In Religion we will be looking at the forms of prayer and different ways in which we can pray. We will then focus on Lent, and the ways we can prepare for Easter, including Prayer,

Fasting and Almsgiving. We will also look closely at the work of Caritas and how we can be Christ-like in supporting others.

### Homework

The students will be introduced to Homework Grids consisting of 6 tasks to complete over each fortnight. The homework will begin in Week 4. Homework will be accessed by google classroom and is to be written in their homework books. Students should be reading each night for a minimum of 20 minutes.

### Specialists

Our specialists this year are as follows:

PE, STEM and Performing Arts on Wednesdays, Visual Arts, Italian and eLearning on Thursdays, Interschool Sports on Fridays. Students are to wear their sport uniforms on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**.

### Camp

We are looking forward to our camp to Portsea next week. Please check Operoo for all information regarding the camp.



THE PORTSEA CAMP

### Other notices

Can each family please bring a box of tissues for the class.

### Important Dates

Parent/Teacher Exchange	Monday 17th & Wednesday 19th February
School Closure Days	Thursday 5th & Friday 6th March
Labour Day Public Holiday	Monday 10th March
NAPLAN	Wednesday 12th - Monday 24th March
St Patrick's Day Festival	Friday 21st March
School Photos	Wednesday 19th March
End of Term Mass	Tuesday 25th March
Term 1 Finished	Thursday 28th March

We are looking forward to working with your child this year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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