

YEAR 5

Week 6-11 2025: Newsletter

READING



As part of our preparation for Year Six, we have started introducing students to some of the fantastic authors whose work they will be exploring next year. We have begun this process by taking an indepth look at “Slower Than The Rest,” a short story by the award winning author, Cynthia Rylant. We are exploring the ideas of text wide metaphors and the more complex use of figurative language.



WRITING

As we approach the end of 2025, our Grade 5 cohort has been carefully crafting time-capsule letters - special messages to their future selves that we'll open together at the end of 2026! Students reflected on their experiences this year, captured what matters most to them right now, and shared their hopes and dreams for their final year at Wembley Primary School.

It has been wonderful to see each writer's unique voice shine through. Their letters are thoughtful, creative, and a true celebration of how much they've grown.



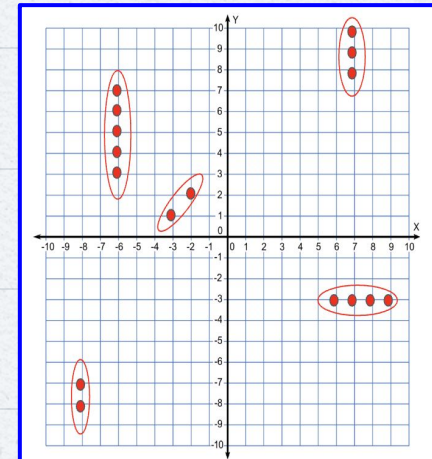
MATHS: CARTESIAN PLANE

This week, our Year 5 students have been stepping into the world of coordinates as they explored the Cartesian plane in a fun and interactive way. To bring their learning to life, students put their skills to the test by playing Cartesian Plane Battleships!

Armed with grids, coordinates and plenty of strategic thinking, students plotted points, located hidden ships, and used mathematical reasoning to outsmart their opponents. There was lots of laughter, friendly competition, and those exciting “Aha!” moments as students realised just how powerful (and fun!) coordinate geometry can be.

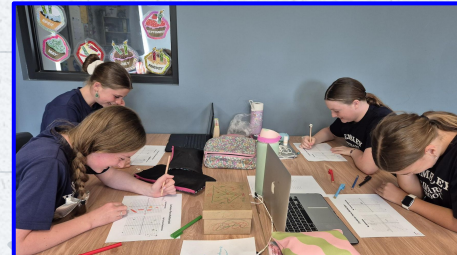
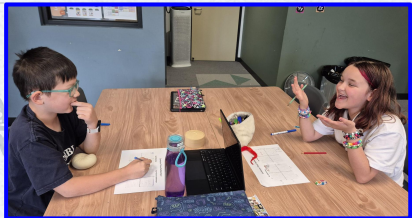
This hands-on activity not only strengthened their understanding of ordered pairs and quadrants, but also encouraged teamwork, problem-solving and careful mathematical communication.

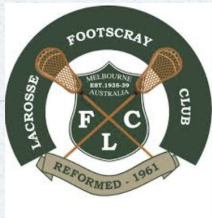
A fantastic effort from all our budding navigators. Year 5 has definitely mastered the map!



You need:

- 1 x Aircraft carrier (5 points)
- 1 x Battleship (4 points)
- 1 x Submarine (3 points)
- 2 x Destroyers (2 points)





SPECIAL EVENTS OR CONCEPT



This term, our students have worked with Footscray Lacrosse Club to develop teamwork and communication skills, as well as the physical skills necessary to play the game. During these sessions students undertake a variety of skill based drills before utilising these abilities to play a variety of games that eventually culminate in actual games of Lacrosse.

Footscray Lacrosse Club is a proud community sport club based in Melbourne's inner west. With more than 60 years of history, FLC is a respected member of the Australian lacrosse community - both for on-field performance and off-field culture and inclusion.

Contact: www.footscraylacrosse.com.au

Come and Try!



THANK YOU AND HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS BREAK!

We would like to sincerely thank our wonderful Year 5 families for the ongoing support you provide to our teaching team and your children. Your encouragement, communication and trust make a significant difference, and we truly appreciate the many behind the scenes things you do each day to help school run smoothly! Together with your support, our collective partnership creates a positive, supportive and safe environment where all of our students can learn and grow together. Thank you and have a wonderful break!

The Year 5 Teaching Team x

