



Manorvale Primary School Year 5-6 Newsletter Term 1 2021

March 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to term 1! This is what is happening in the 5/6 team this term.

Reading - Learning focus areas:

- Class library set up and protocols
- Comprehension strategies
- Authors Purpose
- Literature circles



In reading, students are setting up class libraries, learning how to select a just right book and learning strategies to support understanding when reading. They are also learning about different author's purposes and participating in Literature Circles where they engage in rich conversations with their peers to discuss connections and wonderings about the same book.

Writing - Learning focus areas:

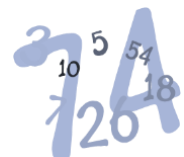
- Writer's Notebook
- Recounts
- Parts of speech - nouns, adjectives
- Spelling
- Vocabulary
- Persuasion



In Writing, students are learning to write recounts by following the writing process of brainstorming ideas, planning, drafting, editing, revising and publishing. They are also establishing Writer's Notebooks where they can record ideas for their writing. In grammar, we are focusing on nouns, including proper and collective nouns, and adjectives and how these can improve our writing. In spelling we are investigating different spelling patterns for the same sounds and in vocabulary we are developing our dictionary skills to investigate the meaning of new words. This week we are starting a new unit exploring persuasive writing.

Mathematics Program - Learning focus areas:

- * Multiplication
- * Rounding
- * Measurement of length, area and perimeter
- * Odds and evens
- * Graphing



In numeracy, students are working at their level to develop their knowledge of odds and evens, multiplication and rounding. Through a unit of data, they are learning how to construct and interpret different graphs including pictographs, column graphs and line graphs. This week we are starting a new measurement unit on length, area and perimeter.

Inquiry Learning

For inquiry students are learning about Government in a unit entitled "Making Democracy". As part of this unit the students are learning about Australian values, the roles of the three levels of Government in Australia and our election process.



Wellbeing

In our student wellbeing program, students have increased their vocabulary to describe different emotions and are learning how to recognise those feelings. In class, the students are tracking their emotions through charts that enable them to receive support and manage their feelings using a range of coping and self-regulation strategies.



Junior School Council

The Junior School Council election process has been completed and the Junior School Council representatives have been decided. Each class has two year 6 representatives. Students have also selected the sub-committee group they would like to be a member of to improve our school. Our sub-committee groups are focussed on improving the school environment, Reading, Buddies and Events.

Home Reading

Reading regularly at home is very important in helping your child improve their literacy skills. Students are encouraged to read 5 nights a week for 30 minutes each night using take home readers. Please spend some time listening to your child read and asking them some questions about their text.



iPads & Apps

Students need to bring in their fully charged iPad to school every day.



Fruit Snack

We encourage students to bring along a piece of fruit or vegetable to eat during the morning. If you are sending along oranges, please peel and cut up the orange to make it easier for your child to eat.



Sun Hats

Sun hats are required in the schoolyard from September to the end of April.

Upcoming Events

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| • Labour Day Holiday | Monday, 8 th March |
| • Harmony Week | 8 th to 12 th March |
| • Sports Day | Friday, 19 th March |
| • Parliament Process Incursion | Tuesday, 23 rd March |

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to working closely with our 5/6 parent community. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Ms Fairclough, Mrs Marth, Mrs Craig and Mr Davies