

FAIRFIELD HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL

WELCOME TO YEAR 5 - 2020



Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you and your child to the senior years of their Primary School studies. All students have settled in well and class routines are well established. This letter will provide you with a general outline of the curriculum for this year, general information and also a list of class requirements.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time throughout the year, we encourage you to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Mrs Kumar
Assistant Principal

Mrs Agda, Mrs Pagano
Mrs White, Mr Jolley and Mrs Kremmer
Mrs Ali (Year Five Teachers)

ENGLISH

English includes reading and viewing, writing and representing and speaking and listening. Students will be provided with a varied and stimulating curriculum. Reading will take the form of shared reading, guided reading (reading groups) and there will also be opportunities for independent reading. There will be a strong emphasis on the development of writing skills, including aspects of grammar and punctuation. Talking and listening activities will be an integral part of each lesson.

CREATIVE ARTS

In addition to the classroom activities, students are given opportunities to participate in dance groups, choir, recorder group and creating and performing art groups.

THE CURRICULUM

School Discipline Code

- *Be proud of our school.*
- *Be happy and safe at school.*
- *Be an active and cooperative learner.*
- *Be respectful of people, property and our school.*
- *Be in the correct place at the correct time.*

Every student is given every opportunity to fulfil his or her learning potential through support and enrichment programs.

PDHPE/SPORT

Students are able to represent their school in PSSA sport or develop skills in Home Sport. They will also learn about how to care for their own health and well-being.

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics involves the four strands of:

- Number and Algebra
- Measurement and Geometry
- Statistics and Probability.
- Working Mathematically

Students will participate in individual and group activities. The development of sound problem solving skills will be a strong focus.



Important Requests

Parents and caregivers are asked to ensure:

- Your child attends school every day.
- Your child is at school on time.
- If arriving at school after the class roll has been marked or you are picking your child up before home time, you must first get a slip from the office.
- Your child wears full school uniform, including hat, every day.
- Your child has a healthy recess, lunch and drink each day.
- All clothes and property are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS

- 1 homework book
- 2 HB pencils
- 1 30cm ruler
(please avoid flexible and metal rulers)
- 1 set of coloured pencils
- glue stick
- scissors
- eraser
- 1 library bag
- Home reader folder



Each term, Year 5 will study a **History and Geography** and a **Science and Technology** unit. We are beginning the year by studying ***"Animal Adaptations"*** and ***"What's the Matter?"***.

HOMEWORK

Generally, homework will be issued each Monday and collected on Fridays. Homework tasks are directly linked to class programs and reinforce key concepts. We encourage children to develop regular home study routines. Throughout the year, students may also be given research tasks.

HOME READING

Every class in Year 5 has a home reading program. Some students are required to choose a book from the appropriate level of home readers available in their classroom while others are required to choose their books from the school library. Home Reading is an integral part of each child's homework. Parents are asked to sign their child's reading log daily. All students will be participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge.

LIBRARY

Please ensure your child has a clean library bag so he or she can establish regular borrowing habits and a positive attitude to learning. Library borrowing and literature lessons will take place weekly. Children have been advised of their borrowing days. The library also opens before school every day when parents are welcome to visit with their children. In 2020, students will also participate in ICT lessons.

EXCURSIONS and CAMPS

Year Five is the first year that students have the opportunity to participate in an overnight camp. The children travel to Bathurst as part of the history unit on ***"Gold"***. It is a much-anticipated event! There will be other excursions arranged throughout the year to enrich the students' learning experiences.

