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Term 3 Newsletter 2025

Welcome to Term 3. It is difficult to believe how fast the year is passing! Our classes are ready to keep challenging themselves and are excited about the new learning they will encounter this term.

This newsletter includes important dates for our classes and some essential reminders for the term. Please make a note of these to ensure all the children are organised and well equipped for the busy term ahead. We are all very much looking forward to welcoming you into our classrooms on Open Day on Thursday in Week 3 and the traditional Year 6 performance at the end of the term.

If there is anything else you need to know, or you wish to share with your child's teacher, please make an appointment, by contacting us via email.

Our Team

6RH- Mrs Roslyn Harrison	5MK & OC AP- Miss Maddie Kilpatrick
6LJ - Mrs Lucy Jukic	RFF - Mrs Holly Kendall

Regular Events

Stage 3 Assemblies: Wednesday odd weeks only, 12pm in hall

Physical Education: Please check with your child about their allocated day. Students wear full sports uniform.

Library: Thursday for all of OC

Sport and PSSA: Friday morning- Students wear full sports uniform.

Policies and Procedures

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the following:

- Every child needs to wear a **school hat** each day at school. Please remind your child to take their hat and ensure it is labelled with their name and class.
- The school has **crunch and sip** at approximately 10 o'clock each day. We encourage students to bring a **small** serve of fruit or vegetables to eat and some water to sip on.
- If your child is **late to school**, or you are picking them up early, you must sign them in and out at the office.. It is important for your child to be on time as their learning begins at 8:55am.
- All of your child's belongings need to be **clearly labelled**, especially school bags, hats, jackets and lunchboxes. The piles of lost property in our school grounds represent a great deal of your money. Please support your child to be responsible for their belongings.
- **All absences from school** require a note explaining the absence and should accompany the student on their return to school. You may also submit your child's absence request via the SZapp. If your child arrives at school late or will depart school early, they must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and signed in or out at the main office.
- A reminder of **the importance of a good night's sleep**. Students who do not get enough sleep can have problems with their attention, memory, and problem-solving ability. Sleep deprivation can also contribute to emotional issues and behaviour problems that may also affect academic achievement. Children from 5 to 13 years of age need 9 to 11 hours of uninterrupted sleep at night. Making sleep a priority is important for parents who want their children to succeed in school.



Term 3 Important Events

<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ 24/07/25 APS Athletics carnival★ 25/07/25 PSSA Gala Day #3 / School Sport begins★ 22/07/25, 25/07/25 & 28/07/25 Documentary in a Day★ 29/07/25 Yr 5 Zoo excursion★ 31/07/25 Yr 6 ANSTO excursion★ 07/08/25 OPEN DAY!★ 08/08/25 PSSA Gala Day #4★ 21/08/25 APS book week parade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">★ 25/08/25 Stage 3 Cyber Safety incursion★ 01/09/25, 08/09/25 & 15/08/25 Yr 6 Interrelate★ 05/09/25 Father's Day Stall★ 09/09/25 Maths Olympiad #4★ 15/09/25 & 16/09/25 OC Art Workshop★ 20/9/24 School Sport Ends★ 23/09/25 Year 6 Performance
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Year 6 Performance

Year 6 parents, please set aside the evening of Tuesday 23rd of September (Week 10), when we will stage our annual Year 6 Performance in the school hall. This is something the students and teachers are very much looking forward to. Parents of Year 6 students are invited to watch the performance. It is always a fantastic evening.

The Year 6 Performance is a chance for all Year 6 students to be involved in a creative arts showcase that includes music, dance and drama. Students in our Senior Band perform at the performance as members of the band and all other students will perform in groups to deliver a connected show with skits, dances and music.

Our Year 6 teachers run creative arts lessons and rehearsals on Thursday afternoon to prepare for the big day. This is a great chance for our senior students to celebrate the arts and perform to an audience.

Further information about ticketing and costumes will be sent home closer to the date.

Curriculum Information

● OC INTEGRATED LEARNING

OC classes will explore the physical world strands of science with in-class and homework tasks that focus on experiments and scientific methods. Students will research the life and work of a notable innovator and draw on their own creative skills to present their understanding to the class.

Through Maker Model activities, students will explore the literary genre of fantasy, focusing on a variety of quality texts. They will extend their knowledge by learning about Dreamtime stories and their deep significance within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, gaining insight into the ways these narratives connect people to Country. Students will also investigate key myths from Ancient Greece, examining their themes, characters, and cultural importance. In addition, they will be introduced to the traditional Chinese art of pingshu, a storytelling form that brings historical and fictional tales to life.

● PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Artarmon Public Speaking Competition will take place this term. In-class activities will focus on skill building and provide your child with important feedback to improve their skills. Grade teachers have chosen topics and each student is asked to select one topic. Students will be allocated two weeks (around Weeks 7 & 8) to present their prepared formal speech to their class. Please support your child with this preparation, helping them to rehearse and prepare palm cards. Each student will also present an impromptu speech which will be written in class. One student from each class will be selected as the class winner.

● LIBRARY

Encourage your child to take advantage of our outstanding school library. Students can borrow each week during their class library times. We encourage them to use the school library to explore a wide range of resources related to the storytelling traditions they are studying. These resources will help students deepen their understanding, make connections between cultures, and enrich their classroom discussions and projects.

● PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PD/H/PE)

Weekly class fitness sessions aim to develop students' physical fitness and teamwork during game-based activities. Please ask your child which day this will take place so they are in the correct uniform. Part of the Year 5 physical fitness program this term is bush dancing. Students learn about folk music and how dance was used to build community and for exercise.

OC classes will engage in important lessons focused on Child Protection as part of their Personal Development and Health curriculum. The aim of this program is to equip students with essential knowledge and skills to help them understand their rights, recognise safe and unsafe situations, and develop a strong sense of personal safety.

Year 6 are also participating in Interrelate sessions. The 'Moving into the Teen Years' program explores a range of adolescent issues and offers a comprehensive sexuality and relationship education program designed specifically for this important time in life.

● HOMEWORK

Each class has a long-term project that requires consistent focus and diligence. Students are asked to submit a project log or science log each week for their teacher to check. Regular submission of these logs is encouraged to develop a focus on the completion of long term tasks so that work is spread over the term. The expectations have been explained fully in class and it's the students responsibility to ensure they are submitting their work correctly. Students are urged to ask questions in class if they are unsure.

Parents are encouraged to discuss homework tasks with their child and can assist by providing a quiet workspace for homework to be completed. Remember that any online tasks require your support and supervision, and it is strongly recommended that any device (laptop, iPad or phone) is in an area that can be easily seen by parents.

This term's homework will also include preparation for the public speaking competition. Details will be discussed in class and posted on Google classrooms.

To continue to develop our students' metacognition and self-regulated learning, formal grading and marking of homework will not be provided; however, they will receive feedback from their peers and teachers. Research has proven that students develop greater independence and self-awareness through this process which encourages them to think about their own learning more explicitly. We will continue to support our students by teaching them specific strategies for planning, monitoring, and evaluating their learning.

EQUIPMENT TOP UP

Please check with your child to ensure they have all the required materials for class each day. Many students are missing many of the materials listed below. It would be wonderful for essential classroom materials to be topped up as soon as possible! We strongly recommend that all classroom materials are labeled clearly with your child's name.

2x HB pencils

1x white eraser

1x pencil sharpener with an enclosed container for shavings

2x blue pens, 2x black pens, 2x red pens

1x thick permanent black texta

4 x whiteboard markers (different colours)

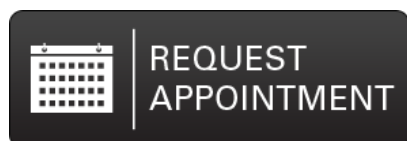
1x 30 cm plastic transparent ruler with cm and mm

4x glue sticks

1x pair of scissors

COMMUNICATION INFORMATION

If you need to talk with your child's classroom teacher, please make an appointment in advance to provide time to have a proper discussion and to ensure you receive the privacy and attention you deserve. Due to staff/grade meetings and professional development, teachers are unavailable on many mornings and most Wednesday afternoons. You can contact the school via the main office or send an email to the school.



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We are looking forward to an engaging and challenging term of learning!

Warm regards,

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The OC Team