

Grade 5/6 NEWS



BUCKLE UP! It's going to go fast!

Welcome back to what we hope will be another fantastic year at Montrose. A special welcome back to Miss Rickard who has had a year off travelling Asia. Welcome also to Mr Tibbles, our newest member of the 5/6 Team. He is already a huge hit with the students and is loving the brand new portable near the basketball court!

Homework expectations:

Homework will come out either on Friday or Monday. Students have 7 nights to complete their homework, allowing weekend time due to the various sporting and hobby commitments many students have happening on weeknights. Please help your child to establish a good routine to have this in on time! Students who do not have their homework should come with a note from their parents and negotiate homework completion with their classroom teacher.

Notices:

Communication will come to you via email or text messages from our Sentral Reporting System. Please check this regularly as we are trying to reduce our paper usage. Camp notices for Grade 6 are due and payments need to be processed as soon as possible. Please see the office.

Take Home Folders:

Students received a plastic take home folder in their stationary packs this year. Students will use this to bring home any notices, book club booklets and their homework books. They can also use this as a library bag. Please encourage your child to ensure that their take home folder is in their bag each morning and night. As mentioned earlier, we are endeavouring to reduce our use of paper by using Sentral as a means of contact in some instances. But take home folders are still necessary for the remaining items which require paper.

Literacy and Numeracy:

Our Numeracy and Literacy activities will start kicking into action in Week 3. We will be using the same structure in previous year, whereby students use the classroom library, school library and designated reading groups texts as they build reading stamina and building meaning through texts. While we do as much reading as possible at school, parents are an integral part in helping children learn to love reading. Reading is an essential part of the Homework schedule.

Unwanted Books:

We value all books at Montrose Primary School and are always looking to build our classroom libraries. If you have any books at home that your children have outgrown, or simply no longer want, we would gladly take them off your hands. We assure that they will be well looked after and greatly appreciated in our classroom libraries.

Tissues/Paper Towel:

We would greatly appreciate if you could send in either a box of tissue or a roll of paper towel to help us tackle the spills and dreaded cold/flu season likely to strike later this year. Paper towel always comes in so handy in the classroom and we cannot function without tissues. Thanks again for your help in this regard.

Parent Helpers:

Parent helpers are still greatly loved in the senior school and if you can spare a morning during the week, we would love your help. Activities in classroom may include working with children in small groups focusing on their reading or writing. Please ensure you have attended the Parent Helper Information session before you identify which mornings you would like to come in.

Term 1 Dates:

Feb 16th – Montrose District Swimming trials
 Feb 20th – First Aid in Schools program
 Feb 26th – School Photo day
 Mar 2nd - Twilight Fair
 Mar 12th - Labour Day (DAY OFF)
 Mar 13-17 – Grade 6 Camp
 Mar 23rd – Student Free Day
 Mar 29th - Last Day of Term (2:30pm finish)
 Mar 30th - Good Friday (HAPPY EASTER)

Please send along a drink bottle to school to keep your child hydrated throughout these warm Summer months. We encourage students to keep their drink bottle on their tables. Please help us with this by not freezing your drink bottles as they leak onto their work area on the table.

Please keep a close eye on the blog – link below. Homework and events posted regularly.

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