



## TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Term 1 begins (Pupil free day)</b>	<b>29/01</b>
<b>Students' first day back</b>	<b>30/01</b>
<b>Parent Information Evening</b>	<b>19/02</b>
<b>Helper training with Kathy Lawson</b>	<b>13/02 &amp; 14/02</b>
<b>Helper refresher training with Kathy</b>	<b>06/02 &amp; 07/02</b>
<b>House Athletics Carnival</b>	<b>07/03</b>
<b>Labour Day Public Holiday (NO SCHOOL)</b>	<b>12/03</b>
<b>Pupil Free Day</b>	<b>13/03</b>
<b>Harmony day</b>	<b>21/03</b>
<b>3-Way Conferences</b>	<b>22/03</b>
<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>	<b>29/03</b>

### Welcome Back!

It is fantastic to see your children back at school, ready and willing for another year of successes!

This term, we are focusing on inclusiveness and what it means to be a part of an effective team.

### Expectations for 2018

A reminder of the high level of expectations we have set at Mitcam Primary School. As grade 5/6 students, the expectation is that all students will be positive role models, and perform to the best of their ability in all that they do.

### Arrival at school

Students are to arrive on time, organised and prepared each day. Please also remember that no student should be unsupervised at school prior to 8:30am or after 3:30pm. Children arriving after 8.50 a.m. **must** be signed in by the parent at the office.

### Student Absences

Please send me a message on Dojo if your child will be absent for the day. These messages are legal requirements, so please ensure they are sent at your earliest convenience. Family holidays must be submitted in writing and approved through the office.

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### Homework

Homework expectations and tasks are outlined via Google Classroom. Homework is given out on Wednesday and is due the following Wednesday.

### 5/6 Sport

The house captains are working alongside Miss Ellis this term to run our cohort's sport. This is run on the first hour every Friday, and as the weather is still hot, we recommend children bring drink bottles to school.

### Classroom Economy

After positive parental feedback received last year, we are running this exciting, hands-on learning program again this year. The children learn skills in Economics and money, in line with the Victorian curriculum. More details at parent information night.

### Hats

School hats must be worn outside term one and four. However, hat, sunscreen and sunglasses are recommended throughout the year for students to be Sun Smart. This means that students need to wear their hats BEFORE and AFTER school, as well as during recess and lunch.

### Parent-Helper Training

If you are interested in helping around the school and on excursions this year, you need to have completed the parent-helper training with Kathy Lawson and hold a Working with Children Check. I welcome your support in the classroom.

### School Banking

School banking is conducted on a **Wednesday** morning. There are many exciting rewards for students who make several deposits. If you would like to organise a 'Dollarmites' account for your child, please contact the office.

### Excursions

A reminder that attendance at all excursions is strongly encouraged. Excursions are organised by the school to complement the curriculum and it is anticipated that all students will attend. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the office or the principal, Ian Sloane, to discuss alternative arrangements.

### Timetables

Students will continue to write their specialist lesson times into their diaries. These will be reviewed each term. PE clothing will be required for their PE class on Wednesdays and for 5/6 sport on Fridays.



## IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

**Diary - check regularly.**

**Hat (school approved) - bring to school everyday.**

**Drink bottle - a necessity in the warmer weather.**

**Runners - for PE, 5/6 Sport and recess/ lunch ONLY.**

**UMPCs - need to come to school everyday, charged and ready!**

**Absence notes need to be completed and returned promptly.**

**Homework will be sent home on a Wednesday and is due every Wednesday.**

**Please return notices promptly.**

**Spelling and Maths facts practice is a must!**

**Regular reading is vital and recording in diary is required.**

**There will be icy poles for sale on Fridays during lunch for \$1.00.**

### Uniform

School uniform is compulsory for all students. This includes **black, polishable school shoes**. Runners are permissible ONLY when students are participating in PE and sport, and to change into for recess and lunch times.

### Peer Mediation

Year 6 students who have volunteered their time, will be trained to be peer mediators in coming weeks. They will be given a clipboard, roster and incident slips. All incidents will need to be recorded and handed to the coordinator.

### Buddies

The 5/6 students will be allocated a Prep or grade one buddy for the year. They are required to make sure that they look out for their buddy in the yard, as well as assist them in classroom activities. Having a buddy is a privilege, not a right. Grade 5/6 students must act as role models for the younger students.

### Communication

Communication is extremely important! If you have any queries at all, please contact me through either a note in the dia-

ry, or through my preferred method of contact — Class Dojo. This way, I am able to deal with issues promptly or find a suitable time to meet with you properly.

### Diaries

Student diaries are an important organisational tool for students, especially in the lead up to High School. Here, the students record their spelling words and reading for homework, timetable, as well as other reminders. Please check your child's diary regularly and sign off on their reading every Tuesday night. To support this organisational process, you could ask your child to record important dates, reminders of the due date of notices, projects, etc.

### UMPC policy and procedure

This is a reminder that students are not permitted to transfer any movies, music or games from their UMPCs to the school server. Any students who have inappropriate files in their folders will lose access to the school network for a minimum of three days. This adheres with the UMPC policy the students are expected to sign. For purchasing, Chromebooks are preferred and a letter will be sent out shortly detailing the minimum required specifications (if required).

### In 5/6I we will:

- Respect our peers and teachers, as well as all staff members and visitors
- Respect our classroom and equipment
- Maintain an appropriate noise level in the classroom and around the school
- Refrain from distracting others
- Give everything a go and always try our hardest
- Stick up for each other and always be inclusive
- Be honest and trustworthy
- Be kind to others and help people in need
- Be organised and tidy
- Keep our hands to ourselves

**Mrs Tracey Irvine**