



## TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

**Term 1 Begins (Pupil free day)** 29/01

**Students' first day back** 30/01

**Helper refresher training with Kathy Lawson** 06/02 & 07/02

**Helper training with Kathy Lawson** 13/02 & 14/02

**Parent Information Evening** 19/02

**House Athletics Carnival** 07/03

**Labour Day Public Holiday** 12/03

**Pupil Free Day** 13/3

**Harmony day** 21/03

**3-way conferences** TBC

**LAST DAY OF TERM** 29/03

### Welcome Back!

I am really looking forward to working with your children and helping them to develop, over what promises to be a productive, rewarding and enjoyable year in 5/6L!

Term 1 will begin with a focus on developing teamwork and leadership skills, as well as the students learning about themselves and peers as 'learners'.

### Expectations for 2018

There are high expectations at Mitcham 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

All students who are absent from school must bring a note upon their return detailing the date/s that they were absent and a reason as to why they were not present at school.

### Homework

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

### Level 4 Sport

The house captains are working alongside Miss Ellis this term to run our Level 4 Sports. This is run first hour on a Friday, and as the weather is still hot, we recommend children bring drink bottles to school.

Miss Ellis is looking for volunteers to assist at the carnival on Wed 7th March. If you can assist please contact her.

### Financial Classroom

We will be running a financial classroom to teach the children skills in business and finance inline with our new curriculum. More details at parent information night.

### Hats

School hats must be worn in the yard during Term 1 and 4.

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 dur-

ing 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 would really appreciate your help and assistance over the year.

### 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 an account for your child, please contact the office.

### Excursions

A reminder that attendance at all excursions is strongly encouraged. Excursions 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 have written their specialist lesson times into their diaries. These will be reviewed each term. PE shoes will be required for their PE day (Tuesday) and 5/6 sport on Fridays.



## IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

**Diary - check Everyday.**

**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 sent the day your child returns to school.**

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

**Prompt return of any notices please.**

**Spelling and multiplication practice is a must!**

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

**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 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 clip-board, roster and incident slips. All incidents will need to be recorded and handed to the coordinator.

### Buddies

All 5/6 students will be allocated a Prep or Year 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.

### Communication

Communication is important! If you have any queries at all, feel free to contact me through a note in the diary or through Class Dojo. Don't hesitate to contact me if you are seeking extra information, have a query or an issue.

### Diaries

Student diaries are an important communication tool for parents, teachers and students. Please check your child's diary every night and sign, at least, once at the end of a week. It is helpful if you can respond to or initial any entries from teachers so I know you have seen them. You can use the diary to notify me if your child is absent or to request a meeting with. Your child should also be using their diary to record their home reading and spelling words. Managing their own diary is an important organisational skill to prepare your child for secondary school. To support this you could get your child to record important dates, reminders of the due date of notices, projects etc.

### UMPC policy and procedure

Just 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.

### In 5/6L we ...

- Are honest.
- Keep our hands to ourselves.
- Think of others before yourself.
- Treat others how you would like to be treated.
- Refrain from speaking unkindly to others.
- Use our manners and look after our class property.
- Always try our best and are proud of what we do.
- Have fun, keep calm and enjoy school.

**Lauren Lamont**