



TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1 Begins (Pupil free day) 29/01

Students' first day back 30/01

Helper refresher training with Kathy Lawson 05/02 & 26/02

Parent Information Evening 12/02

Helper training with Kathy Lawson 19/02 & 21/02

House Athletics Carnival 06/03

Labour Day Public Holiday (NO SCHOOL) 11/03

Pupil Free Day 12/03

Harmony day 21/03

3-way conferences 02/04

LAST DAY OF TERM 05/04

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to you and your children, for what promises to be a productive, rewarding and enjoyable year in 5/6!

Term 1 will begin with a focus on developing teamwork and leadership skills.

Expectations for 2019

A reminder of the high level of expectations we have set 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

Please alert the office of any impending absences, both short and long term. Keeping the teacher up to date with these absences is also encouraged.

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Homework

Homework expectations and tasks are outlined in class. Homework is given out on Monday and due that Friday.

5/6 Sport

The house captains are working alongside Miss Ellis this term to run our 5/6 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 6th 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 in line with the 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 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. We welcome your support around the school.

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, Erin Norman, to discuss alternative arrangements.

Timetables

Students will write their specialist lessons times into their diaries. These will be reviewed each term. PE clothing will be required for their PE day.



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IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

Diary - check and sign weekly.

Hat (school approved) - bring to school everyday.

Drink bottle - a necessity in the warmer weather.

Runners - for PE, 5/6 Sport and Recess/ Lunch .

Computers - need to come to school everyday, charged and ready!

You must contact the office to let them know of all short and long term absences.

Homework will be sent home on a Monday and is due that Friday.

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 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 have already been trained. This will commence during this term. 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 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 us through a note in the diary or through Class Dojo which you will have received notification of. This way, we are able to deal with issues promptly or find a suitable time to meet with you properly.

Diaries

Student diaries are an important communication tool for parents, teachers and students, however, we prefer Class Dojo as an alternative form of communication. 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.

Digital Technologies policy and procedure

Just a reminder that students are not permitted to transfer any movies, music or games from their computers 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 Digital Technologies policy . For purchasing, Chromebooks are preferred and a letter will be sent out shortly detailing the minimum required specifications.

The 5/6 Team