

**Respect
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April 2024

5/6W Term 2 Newsletter

Dates Term 1

26th Apr – Assembly
- RPS Cross Country
3rd May –ISS Starts at Eltham Coll
7th May - Whole School Dance
Performance – Eltham High
10th May–Assembly-5/6W presenting
-ISS vs Sherborne PS
* **Yr 7 2025 Applications Due**
14th May - RPS Open Morning 9.30-
11
17th May District Cross Country
23rd May - Yr 5-6 Research Ridge
24th May - Curriculum Day
28th May - RPS Athletics @ Willinda
Park
31st May - Assembly
-ISS vs Lower Plenty
4th Jun - Water Watchers Incursion
7th Jun - Assembly
10th Jun – King’s Birthday
14th Jun – Assembly
-ISS vs Our Lady’s
18th Jun - School Photos
21st Jun – ISS vs Briar Hill
28th Jun –Assembly
Term 2 ends 2.30pm
15th July – **Term 3 Begins**

Hello everyone!

That’s a Wrap! Term 1 certainly flew by quickly and it was packed to the brim with wonderful experiences which included settling into the Senior years, whole school KABOOM Sports, Swimming trials and events, NAPLAN, National Young Leaders Day (Year 6), Health and Human Relations and finally ending on a high note with our 3 – 6 Spotlight Expo. The Expo showcased and celebrated the amazing work our students had done throughout the term. They were very excited to share their passion projects with their classmates, school, families and friends. The learning gained during the project will continue to be a focus throughout the year - developing independence, resilience and responsibility for their own learning.

Term 2

Welcome to Term 2. I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break and managed to grab some of the last sun! This term is shaping up to be very busy with many fantastic learning experiences and opportunities for all students in year 5/6. See below for a snapshot of the term.

The following staff will continue working closely with your child, providing many new, stimulating, and challenging experiences throughout the year.

5/6 W Ms Jocelyn Watts

Specialists Mr O’Halloran (PE)
Mrs Maryanne Skeen (Science & Technology & Library)
Ms Krista Kepitis (Art & Japanese)



Whole School Production – RPS The Eras Tour – Tuesday 7th May, 2024

5/6W have been busy writing the script, rehearsing their parts and practicing their dances for the production. It is certainly shaping up to be an amazing performance. Details about costumes were sent home on Tuesday 23rd April.

ENGLISH The English program focuses on the development and extension of Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening skills and involves the students working both independently and in groups to build upon their individual skills.

Reading

This term, we will continue to read independently to practice reading strategies learnt in class. Students will use a range of student selected and teacher selected texts during this time. In preparation for Independent Reading, students will continue to refine selecting a ‘Good Fit’ book and build their reading stamina.

The reading strategies we will be focusing on this term are Making Connections, Summarising, Analysing, Inferring, Critiquing, Synthesising and Predicting. All students will have access to Reading Eggspress.

Writing

We have an amazing term ahead using our writing skills in different ways. Our main focus this term is letter and diary writing through their experiences at Sovereign Hill, Research Ridge and researching facts of the Victorian goldrush! The students will continue to explore various ways to improve their writing. For example: using connectives, sentence starters that grab the reader’s attention and technical vocabulary specific to early Australia.

Additionally, the year 5/6s will gain further experience in exploring words, phrases and figures of speech to enhance their writing.

Mathematics

Throughout the term, students will engage in daily mathematics sessions, investigating new concepts through differentiated activities that cater to their individual needs and abilities. The areas we will cover this term are: Addition, Subtraction, Time, Mass and Capacity (Measurement). Students will also be provided with opportunities to apply their mathematical knowledge to a variety of situations. Please continue to practice timetables at home.

All students will also have access both at school and at home to Mathletics on-line to support our Numeracy program.

Integrated Studies

Eureka! Gold in Victoria:

Our unit this term is **Eureka! Gold in Victoria (Humanities – History, Communication, Civics & Citizenship)**. The students will explore the impact of the gold rush on Australian society, economy, and culture. They will learn about the discovery of gold in 1851, the arrival of people from all over the world in the hope of becoming rich and the impact on economic growth and the transformation of many small communities into bustling towns. The students will also gain a deeper understanding of this significant period in Australian history through visiting Sovereign Hill and participating in Research Ridge.

Research Ridge

Research Ridge will be held on **Thursday 23rd May** and the students are excited about this upcoming event. Research Ridge is where the students experience life in the 1850s on the Victorian goldfields. They will be cooking and eating food prepared on open fires. The students will construct their own shelters and provide some form of entertainment. They will be digging for gold and hopefully 'strike it rich!' This is a challenging and exciting unit and many skills are utilised in making the day a fantastic success.

Research Ridge – Parent/Adult Helpers

We are seeking parent/adult helpers:

- on the day to assist with making a fire and cooking as we hope to have open fires for the students to cook on.
- providing cooking utensils, pots, ingredients, etc
- providing firewood, tarps, shovels, etc

If you can pop in for a short time, I'm sure your child will love to see you!

Further details are in the notice that went home this week.

Home Learning

Home Learning will be handed out on **Friday** and due back on the following **Wednesday**. The aim of home learning is for students to take Personal Responsibility for their learning at home. Parents are asked to encourage their child to establish a Home Learning routine. Home Learning began in week 1.

Specialists Classes

Your child will be participating in the following specialist classes this year:

Art - In Art during Term 2 Year 5/6W will continue working on their mosaic on mesh pieces. In the second half of the term their focus will switch to the art element of space, and they will investigate one-point perspectives.

Physical Education – The Year 5/6 students will begin the term by developing their Aussie Rules football skills. Next, they will move onto preparation for the RPS Athletics Day. As the term draws to a close, the 5/6s will benefit from coach-led soccer sessions.

Library – During library sessions, Year 5/6 students will analyse why an author chooses to tell a story from a particular perspective. We will discuss authors' writing styles, looking at their choice of subject or theme, characterisation, plot development and vocabulary. This is a friendly reminder that library books are on loan for 2 weeks.

Science – In Science this term, we will be studying Geology to learn about how rocks are formed and the natural processes by which they change over time. In our 'Rockin' Around Research' project, students will investigate the type of rocks found at school and in the local area.

Home – School Communication With Classroom Teachers

Feel free to reach out at any time to discuss your child's learning progress, as well as any questions, concerns, or successes you'd like to share throughout the year. I can be emailed through Compass online. Please try to avoid catching me after 8.50am in the morning as I am busy preparing for the day. Also, I am unavailable after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays due to staff training.

With the School or Office

The following are the school's contact details:

1570 Main Road Research 3095

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Interschool Sport

We will begin Interschool Sport next week – Friday 3rd May. The students are playing in one of the following sports: Bat Tennis, AFL 9s, Netball and Soccer. The games are held on Friday afternoons from 12:30 – 2:00pm.

If you are able to come along and cheer Research, please do so, the kids would love to see you there.



Year 7 2025 Applications Due – Friday 10th May, 2024

Please return completed applications to Research Primary school.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Watts.

Thank you for taking the time to read the 5/6W's Term 2 Newsletter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, or email the school directly. I look forward to working successfully with you and your child this year.

Kind Regards
Jocelyn Watts

"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible!'" Audrey Hepburn