

**Respect
Ambition
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May 2025

5/6W Term 2 Newsletter

Dates Term 1

9th May – ISS Starts at Eltham Coll
Year 7 2026 Applications Due
13th May – RPS Open Morning
9:30 – 11:00am
15th May - Assembly
16th May – District Cross Country
23rd May – ISS vs St Thomas (away)
27th May – RPS Athletics @ Willinda
Park
29th May – The Amazing Race – City
Excursion
30th May – ISS vs Briar Hill (Home)
5th Jun – Assembly
Division Cross Country
6th Jun – ISS vs Our Lady's (Home)
9th Jun – King's Birthday
10th Jun – Curriculum Day
(no school)
13th Jun ISS vs Lower Plenty (Home)
17th Jun - School Photos
18th Jun – 56 HoopTime
19th Jun –Assembly
20th Jun – ISS - Bye
27th Jun – ISS vs Sherborne (Home)
4th July - Term 2 ends 2.30pm
21st July – Term 3 Begins

Term 1 Highlights – What a Fantastic Start!

Term 1 has come and gone in a flash, filled with a range of memorable and enriching experiences for our senior students. From settling into the routines of the senior years to participating in exciting whole-school events like KABOOM Sports and Swimming trials & sports and NAPLAN. Our Year 6s stepped up as leaders at the National Young Leaders Day, while all students engaged in important learning through our Health and Human Relations sessions. We wrapped up the term with a show-stopping 5/6 Personality Islands Expo, where students proudly presented their creative and thoughtful work to classmates, school, families and friends. This project not only celebrated their individuality but also laid a strong foundation for the key values we'll continue to build on this year—independence, resilience, and ownership of learning.

Term 2

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and were able to enjoy the sunshine and warm weather! Term 2 is already shaping up to be an exciting one, filled with engaging learning experiences and valuable opportunities for our Year 5/6 students. Take a look below for a glimpse of what's coming up this 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 Mark O'Halloran (PE & Library)
Ms Bree Zala (Science & Technology)
Ms Krista Kepitis (Art & Japanese)

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, and Synthesising.

Writing

We have an amazing term ahead using our writing skills in different ways. Our main focus this term is informative writing through their experiences with 'The Amazing Race'. They will be researching facts of Melbourne and its diverse culture. Students will continue to strengthen their writing by focusing on clear paragraph structure, engaging sentence starters, connectives, and precise vocabulary related to Melbourne and its cultural heritage. Students will also apply these skills to letter writing, using real-world purposes such as reflections and thank-you notes.

Mathematics

This term, students will take part in daily Maths sessions, exploring new concepts and engage in a range of learning experiences through differentiated activities tailored to their individual learning needs. Key focus areas include addition, subtraction, time, mapping and coordinates, area and perimeter. Students will also have opportunities to apply their skills to a variety of contexts to deepen their understanding.

We encourage regular practice of times tables at home to support classroom learning. All students have access to Mathletics both at school and at home, providing further opportunities to consolidate their Numeracy skills.

Integrated Studies

The Amazing Race – Melbourne Discovered

This term, our integrated unit *The Amazing Race – Melbourne Discovered* (Humanities – Geography, History, and Personal & Social Development) invites students to explore Melbourne's geography, history, cultural diversity, and civic identity. As part of this unit, students will investigate the characteristics of an effective team and develop roles and responsibilities to support teamwork and collaboration. They will build essential skills in mapping, communication, and problem-solving as they prepare for an exciting Amazing Race-style excursion in the Melbourne CBD. Along the way, they will locate and explore key landmarks, historical sites, and cultural precincts that make our city unique.



The Amazing Race Excursion

The Amazing Race will be held on **Thursday 29th May** and the students are excited about this upcoming event. All the 5/6s will catch the train into the Flinders St Station and start exploring all our wonderful city has to offer from Federation Square to the State Library or resting on the Parliament steps to finding Mog and McCog in an old arcade. This is a challenging and exciting unit, and many skills are utilised in making the day a fantastic success. Thank you to the parents who have offered to help with leading our groups.

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 will begin this week (Week 3).

Specialists Classes

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

Art - In Art this term, Year 5/6 will focus on the art element of Space and gain an understanding on one-point perspectives, and also the use of negative space. They will undertake an artist study on French-Canadian artist Sandrine Pelissier, taking inspiration from her use of colours and imagination.

Physical Education – Year 5/6 students have competed in our school cross country and will work on key athletics skills in preparation for our school athletics day. They will also focus on developing their basketball skills ahead of the Hoop Time competition. Throughout the term, students will represent Research Primary School in interschool sports, competing across six rounds against other local schools.

Library – In library sessions this term, students are encouraged to borrow up to four books to enjoy both in the classroom and at home. We will be exploring and discussing a range of texts, while aiming to build their love of reading.

Science – In Beneath Our Feet, students will take a deeper look into geological changes, including sudden events like earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, and how these impact the Earth's surface. They will explore the formation and types of fossils in more detail, using fossil evidence to make inferences about environmental change, extinction, and the history of life on Earth. Students will gain an appreciation for how the layers beneath our feet hold important clues to Earth's dynamic history.

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 this week – Friday 9th 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. (Leave school at 12 noon)

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 9th May, 2025

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

"Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try." – John F. Kennedy