

Dear Parents / Carers,

This newsletter is designed to inform you of what your child will be learning in Grade 5 classrooms this week. We will be sharing with you important dates, curriculum topics, ways you can help at home etc.

Curriculum Focus	Vocabulary	Activities you can do at home to support your child's learning
<p>Reading:</p> <p>In Grade 5, students are focusing on how we respond when we read imaginative texts.</p> <p>Imagination...</p> 	<p>Imaginative text: Is a text designed to entertain a readers imagination</p> <p>Response: How has the author wanted you to respond (feel or react) to this text?</p>	<p>Write a list of responses you can have towards a book. What is the author trying make us feel or react as the reader?</p>
<p>Writing:</p> <p>In grade 5, students are working on Narrative writing.</p>	<p>Narrative: a fictional (made up) story.</p> 	<p>How can we as authors help 'set the scene' for our readers? Create a list of ways to make an introduction engaging.</p>
<p>Numeracy:</p> <p>In Maths students in grade 5 will work on place value.</p>	<p>Place value: the value of a digit depends on its place, or position, in the number. Such as 189, the 8 digit is 8 tens.</p>	<p>Students draw a number line. Place the numbers from smallest to largest on the number line. 1, 1/2, 2/4, 3/4, 3/8.</p>
<p>Earth and Space Science:</p> <p>This term Grade 5 students will be learning about Science and space.</p>	<p>Space: Anything that refers to our outer space, universe or planets.</p> 	<p>Research a potential STEM activity related to space that the Grade 5 classes could undertake.</p>

Important Reminders

- Ensure that your child reads every night for 15 minutes.
- Classroom doors open at 8:35am each morning. It is an expectation that all students will read for 10 minutes at the start of the school day. Classroom instruction begins at 8:45am.
- Student diaries should be signed each night and brought to school every day.
- Record the total running nights of reading each night in school diary.
- Bring blue satchel to school every day.
- **Don't forget – hats are to be worn in Term 1 and 4.**
- School Banking is on Wednesday.
- Art smocks are to be brought to school.
- Nude food (no wrappers in lunch box).
- **ALL students and families must use the school crossing when crossing roads that surround our school.**

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, 28 th February	Parent Teacher Interviews 2.00pm-6.30pm
Thursday, 7 th March	Community Picnic
Monday, 11 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday – students are not required at school

Puzzle

Each week, a new puzzle will be included in the curriculum newsletter. We invite students to have a go at this puzzle each week – print off the puzzle or write your answer on a piece of paper and submit it in the puzzle jar in the office before Thursday, 21st of February. You can also submit your answer by email at puzzleanswers@wyndhamvaleps.vic.edu.au. Remember to put your name and class on your answer! A winner from each year level will be awarded at assembly on the following Monday.

Number Scramble

Using the numbers in the number bank, create a six-digit number based on the clues given.



1. What is the smallest six-digit number you can make?

2. What is the largest six-digit number you can make?

3. What is the smallest six-digit number you can make that has 3 in the ones place?

4. What is the largest six-digit number you can make that has 1 in the tens place?

5. What is the smallest six-digit number you can make that ends in an odd number?

Thank you very much for your cooperation!
Grade 5 Team