

Dear Parents / Carers,

This newsletter is designed to inform you of what your child will be learning in Grade 6 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><b>Reading:</b> In Reading this week, Grade 6 will be focusing on Text structure and features. This refers to the ways that authors organise information in text. This can help students focus attention on key concepts and relationships.</p>	<p>Text Structure - how the information within a written <b>text</b> is organized.</p> <p>Text features - include all the components of a story or article that are not the main body of <b>text</b>. These include the table of contents, index, glossary, headings, bold words, sidebars, pictures and captions, and labeled diagrams.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using your child's home readers ask them to explain their understanding of the text.</li> <li>Ask them to anticipate what's to come, and monitor their comprehension as they read.</li> </ul> <p>Little Sam went for a walk We saw a big puddle.</p> <p>What's is he going to do? Let us guess?</p> 
<p><b>Writing:</b> This week grade 6 students are focusing on tightening tension in a narrative. These scenes do more than just engage the audience; they play a really important role in the overall story structure.</p>	<p>Tightening – making something stronger.</p> <p>Tension - when something is stretched either physically or emotionally.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify tightening tension narratives on TV and a variety of texts such as books, magazine, online etc.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Numeracy:</b> This week in Numeracy we are interpreting and using calendars. We are identifying dates that are special to us, recognizing the number of days in each month and scheduling events.</p>	<p>Calendar - a chart or series of pages showing the days, weeks, and months of a particular year, or giving particular seasonal information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use a calendar to schedule family and personal events happening this month.</li> </ul> 
<p><b>Earth and Space Science:</b> This term Grade 6 will be learning about natural disasters.</p>	<p>Natural disasters -Sudden geological changes or extreme weather conditions can affect Earth's surface.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss with your child any current or past natural disaster in Australia – Most recently the floods in QLD and bushfires in Tasmania</li> </ul>

### 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

Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Interschool sport begins Grade 6
Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Teacher Interviews 2.00pm-6.30pm
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Community Picnic
Monday, 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day Public Holiday – students are not required at school
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Excursion to Australian Grand Prix

### 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](mailto: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?

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

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

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

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

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Thank you very much for your cooperation!

Grade 6 Team