

# Year 5/6 Newsletter

## Welcome to 2018!

Here is what students will be learning in 5/6 in Term 1!

### Literacy

Students will have a strong focus on building their reading stamina to start off the year. They are working hard to choose a good fit book that reflects their interests and passions. Students will apply relevant reading strategies to deepen their comprehension and understanding of a variety of texts. They will also regularly share their ideas and opinions with their peers to increase their confidence in speaking in front of an audience. In writing, students will enjoy exploring topics with a focus on narrative and persuasive texts. Literacy lessons will occur every day. Teachers are looking forward to engaging and rewarding learning experiences!

### Maths

In Term 1 students will be engaging in problem solving activities to promote a growth mindset. In 5/6 it is important that students believe they can do Math and creating a growth mindset will help them achieve great things mathematically. The big idea for this term is Number & Algebra. Students will be exploring the place value system and how far it extends. Students will also be thinking multiplicatively and will be engaging in a range of problem solving where they can consolidate their multiplication skills and connect it to other areas of their learning.

### Inquiry

This term in Inquiry students will question, analyse, communicate, reflect and respond while exploring geography. The unit 'A Diverse and Connected World' is a discovery of Australia's global connections and countries within the Asia region. Students will explore the key questions such as 'How do people's connections to places affect their perceptions and actions?' Students will learn about the diversity of the world's people, including the Indigenous people of other countries and explore and reflect upon similarities, differences and the importance of intercultural understanding.

### Camp Coonawarra

The Year 5 and 6 students are already chattering excitedly about Camp Coonawarra, wondering with whom they might share a cabin and what food will be available for their dining pleasure. While away at camp students will be developing their independence and social skills, as well as building resilience and stepping out of their comfort zones. This will be an amazing opportunity for everyone to try some new, crazy activities, have an out of the ordinary experience, get to know each other on a different level and, most importantly, have some fun! Staff and students can hardly wait until March and are counting down the days until 'the great adventure.'



**ARPS School Captains (above)**

Melina Lim, Anakin Bautista

**ARPS School Vice Captains (below)**

Bryan Yan, Holly Siddall-Smith



### Important Dates:

**February 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>**

Summer Festival

**February 20<sup>th</sup>**

Parent Teacher Chats

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**

Casual Dress Day

**March 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**

Camp Coonawarra

**March 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**

Cultural Diversity Week

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Family BBQ

**March 25<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> April  
1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Swimming

**March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Casual Dress Day

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

District Athletics

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

School Photos

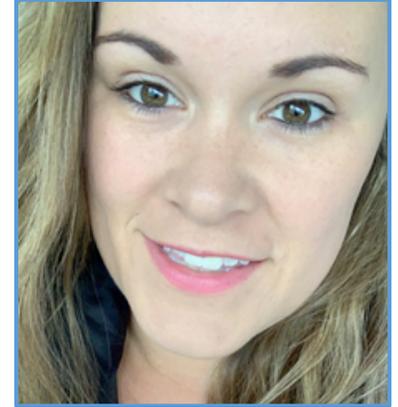
**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

Last day of Term 1

## Meet the 5/6 Team of 2019!

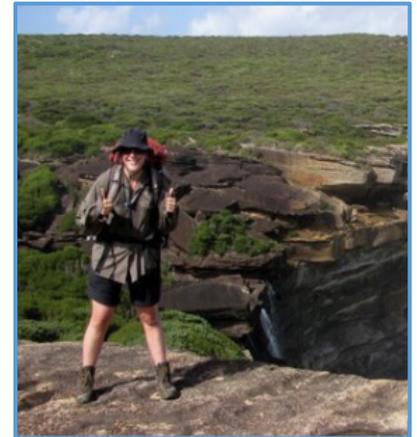
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**Kiara Davis:** A warm welcome back to all of the Athol Road Primary School Community. I am extremely happy to be in 5/6 learning space again this year as the team leader. Students, I can't wait to continue our learning journey this year and see each of you making discoveries, sharing your voice, growing your brains and being amazing role models at our school. You teach me so much too! A little about me... I love watching sport especially tennis and AFL (Go Saints!), I love adventures to different places, my favorite animals are horses and orcas, one of my hobbies is photography and my favourite season is winter. Let's make 2019 the best year yet!



**Emma Dounis:** Welcome to 2019! Hi everyone, I'm Miss Dounis and this will be my second year with the Year 5/6 team. Outside of school you can find me playing games with my niece and nephew, going for beach walks and seeing movies at the cinema. Looking forward to a fun filled year with lots of exciting events!

**April McInerney:** Otherwise known as Mrs Mac, I am a keen netballer, an avid orienteer and a huge outdoors nerd! If I am not buried under piles of work at Athol Road Primary School, you will most likely find me exploring Australia's beautiful national parks and beaches. I love eating, hiking and hanging out with my husband and our beautiful greyhound, Donald. I am super excited to begin my teaching career in 2019 as part of the Year 5/6 team and I look forward to getting to know you all.



**Simone Newsome:** Hi my name is Simone Newsome. I am pleased to be part of the 5/6 learning space this year. I am lucky to be in my 3<sup>rd</sup> year here at ARPS. I have a passion for Mathematics and it is my favourite area of learning to teach. Something interesting about me is that I have a pet dog (Boss) and a pet cat (Riley) and they get along! I am looking forward to Camp Coonawarra this term and excited for all the great things that this year will bring.

**Danielle Kruger:** Hi everyone! I'm Miss Kruger and I am very excited to be a part of the 5/6 teaching team at ARPS this year. I enjoy travelling to countries all around the world and exploring new places. I most recently spent time in Singapore and Malaysia. I love spending time at the beach, drawing and watching the footy (Go Saints!) I am looking forward to getting to know everyone here at ARPS and supporting you all on your learning journeys!

