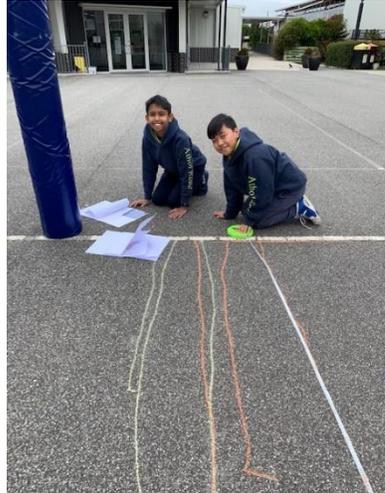


# Year 5/6 Newsletter: Welcome to Term 2!

*Empower students to become critical, reflective and self-directed learners*

Here is what students will be learning in 5/6 during Term 2!



## Literacy

This Term in Literacy promises to be a BUSY one! Students will be learning to extend their persuasive writing skills by incorporating persuasive devices into their well-structured pieces to help persuade their reader. Students are excited to learn about information reports and how to build on their current skills to help them develop well-written, upskilled reports on topics of their choice. In Reading students will be learning to critique and analyse texts. This high level skill requires practice and discussion around many different text types. Students will be expressing their preferences, learning about text genre/purpose and learning to analyse authors' decisions.

## Maths

In Maths students will be exploring fractions and decimals through a wide range of collaborative, engaging tasks! Students will be discovering the different ways fractions can be represented, such as on a number line, as a collection or as an area model. They will also review their knowledge of mixed, improper and proper fractions, with students further challenging themselves to make connections between fractions, decimals and percentages. Teachers have been busy planning fun, exciting activities to extend the students' knowledge and understanding! Each week, students also work together in different groupings to solve hands on problems based on angles, shapes, mapping and time.

**Pictured left:** Year 5/6 students collaboratively learning about measurement, using different tools to measure each other's jumps during an Integrated Maths session.

## Important Dates

**Fridays each week:** Interschool sport. Students to wear Interschool sport shirts.

**April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Creator Kids Incursion

**May 29<sup>th</sup>:**  
The Ridiculous Rhyme Show

**June 7<sup>th</sup>:**  
Division Cross Country

## Inquiry

Students in 5/6 will be participating in the Inquiry unit 'Exhibition of Wonders' which will allow them to be a part of the design making process. To begin creating their designed solutions they will be participating in an exciting incursion with Creator Kids in which they will explore the way that digital technologies help them in their everyday lives. In their chosen groups they will work together to come up with their own designed solution, working through the designing process, considering the limitations and parameters. They will also be exploring what different materials can be used for different purposes and why different products needs to be designed.



In Term 2, Year 5/6 students will be competing in weekly Interschool Sports events. Students have been training throughout Term 1 in for their different sports: AFL, Soccer, Netball and Softcross. They have focused on developing their skills, teamwork and sportsmanship.

## Science

Students have some very exciting science units to look forward to. Year 5 students will investigate Earth's place in space, while the Year 6 students will become earthquake explorers. Both of these fascinating units will involve a number of hands on tasks, experiments and research projects that allow students to work independently to develop their scientific skills and knowledge. Designed to build students' understanding of the wider world and encourage further exploration, teachers hope that some future astronomers and geologists will find their passion whilst participating in these inquiries.



As a part of our Year 5/6 curriculum, students complete weekly Social Emotional Learning sessions. In these sessions students participate in activities such as mindfulness, learning to understand and control their emotions and develop their ability to cooperate with others.