

# Year 5/6 Newsletter: Welcome to Term 3!

*In 5/6 students are empowered, critical and self-directed learners*

Here is what we will be learning in 5/6 during Term 3!

## Literacy

Students will be reading a range of poetry this term and analysing the poetic devices. This will help them to understand the big idea and meaning of the poem. Through analysing the use and effectiveness of poetic devices, they will be building upon their inferring skills, critiquing the author's word choices and building on their schema. Some of the poetic devices they will be exploring are: metaphors, similes, personification, hyperbole, imagery, rhythm, rhyme and alliteration. In conjunction with reading, students will be applying the literary devices from their reading to help inspire them to write their own poetry. They will have the opportunity to create and craft their own similes or metaphors and express their thoughts and feelings in an imaginative way. We look forward to reading all of their creative pieces of poetry this term!

## Maths

In 5/6, students are getting creative with numbers! The big focus of this term is equivalence, patterning and working flexibly with the 4 operations and larger numbers. Student talk is a big focus for the teachers this term. Students will be encouraged to share more, talk to each other and show their thinking in a variety of ways. We are excited to complete challenging tasks and develop deep mathematical knowledge through multiple exposures to different mathematical areas.

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## Important Dates

**Aug 1<sup>st</sup>** – Australian Maths Competition

**Aug 5<sup>th</sup>** – MCG and Sports Museum Excursion

**Aug 12<sup>th</sup>** – ARPS Got Talent Senior Auditions

**Aug 16<sup>th</sup>** – Summer Interschool Sport Begins

**Aug 19<sup>th</sup>** – ARPS Got Talent Finals

**Sep 14<sup>th</sup>** – VSSS Matinee and Evening Performance at Melb Arena

## Inquiry

How can we budget, save and manage our money? What is the economy? How do we keep a record of expenses? Students have started term three with a bang by making important financial decisions! They are making their own nature fun park. They have identified facilities with matching costs and have calculated money allowances in accordance to their set budgets. Students are also designing and creating the lay out of their nature fun park with maps, scales and keys. Teachers are very excited for hear their final budgets, chosen facilities and see what their park will look like!



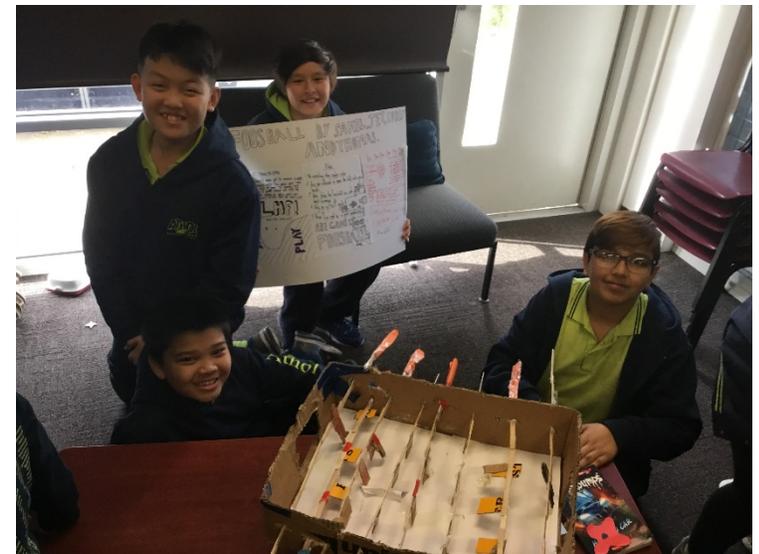
## Science

The Science topic for Year 6s this term is 'Change Detective' where the students become the detectives! They will explore and learn how and why physical and chemical changes occur in everyday materials. The Science topic for Year 5s this term is 'What's the Matter.' They will explore the properties of solids, liquids and gases and these materials change with temperature.



## Interschool Sports

In Term 3, the Year 5/6 students will be competing in weekly Interschool Sports events. Students selected their sport of choice from Volleyball, Basketball, Softball and Tennis. They are working hard to improve their skills in their chosen sport and work as a cohesive team with their peers.



**Important Reminder!** Athol Road Primary School is a **nude food** school. Students should bring their food in reusable containers. **NO RUBBISH** is to be thrown in the school bins aside from canteen rubbish.

**Pictured above:** The 5/6 students sharing their Inquiry Arcade. We are looking forward to more collaborative and student led learning this term!