

YEAR 5/6 NEWSLETTER 2020

TEAM PURPOSE: Empower students to be critical, reflective and self-directed learners.



MATHS:

Welcome back, mathematicians! How exciting to be beginning a whole new year of incredible maths learning. This term students will focus on setting up positive maths mindsets, understanding expectations in maths learning sessions and building their capacity in number by developing and extending their knowledge of number in place value and operations. Students will also be working to build their capacity in location, mapping, shape and geometry and learning more about time!



LITERACY:

Welcome back to an exciting year of reading and writing. This term students will be diving into literacy with a focus on independent reading stamina and developing a love of literature. Students will be building skills and understandings to support their reading fluency and comprehension. Writing will focus on recounts with students having the opportunity to publish their favourite pieces.



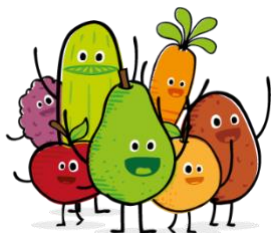
INQUIRY/SCIENCE:

In inquiry 5/6 students will be learning about our 'Diverse and Connected World'. They will be conducting a WebQuest to increase their understanding of population, culture and geographical features. Students will increase their note taking, research and presentation skills. This knowledge will give them the chance to become more connected global citizens. In Science the Year 5 students will be exploring how varied environments influence animal adaptations. The Year 6 students focus on micro-organisms and will be experimenting this aspect of science.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)

In SEL students will be learning about personal strengths and seeking help from others. They will learn to recognize the difference between character strengths and talents. Students will learn to identify character strengths that they admire and value in others. In the unit 'seeking help', students will discover how to problem solve independently, when they might need help from other peers and when they would benefit from seeking help from an adult.

ARPS is a Nude Food School...



As a whole school community everyone at ARPS is aiming to reduce the impact of waste in our environment. When packing your children's lunches, please ensure that they are bringing food free from plastic packaging. Using reusable food containers and drink bottles is a simple yet effective way to reduce the amount of rubbish going into our landfill.



ARPS SCHOOL CAPTAINS:

Kevin Quach & Jenisa Sereibott



VICE-CAPTAINS:

Benjamin Nguyen & Christine Pham

HOUSE CAPTAINS:

Blue: Julia Soebadio & Alvin Nguyen

Red: Ashley Phan & Ryan Nguyen

Green: Soneta Ung & Jeremy Chhaylim

Yellow: Davin Chea & Bryan Duong

IMPORTANT DATES:

February 10 – Choir Auditions

February 12 – Swimming Commences

March 09 – Labour Day

March 13 – Family BBQ

March 20 – District Athletics

MEET OUR 5/6 TEAM FOR 2020

KIARA DAVIS



A warm welcome back to all of the Athol Road Primary School Community. I am extremely happy to be in Year 5/6 learning space again this year as the Team Leader and I am looking forward to an exciting, fun filled year! Students, I can't wait to continue our learning journey 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... This is my 5th year teaching at ARPS, I like getting creative with interior design, I saw 4 wild platypus on a kayaking adventure in the holidays and I love tennis and AFL (Go Saints!). Let's make 2020 incredible together!

SHIVONE FERDINANDS

I am so pleased to be part of the Athol Road Primary School community and the Year 5/6 team this year. I'm a first year graduate teacher and look forward to all the exciting adventures ahead of us. I look forward to learning as much from my team as I do from the students and the community environment. I love to get creative with classroom displays and am thrilled to have the opportunity to share this with you. Can't wait to help you reach and surpass all your goals in 2020!



JESSICA YATES



Hello! I am Jess Yates and I am thrilled to be joining the Athol Road Primary School Year 5/6 team! This is my second year of teaching, in 2019 I taught Year 1/2 at Spring Parks Primary School so I am eager to learn the ways of the senior school from the 5/6s this year. One of my passions is netball, I currently play several times a week and am still in the team I started with when I was in Year 2. Although I adore netball, the greatest love of my life is my dog Flash. He is an incredibly naughty, fast and lovable boxer.

KAT CROW

Hello my name is Miss Crow, this is my second year teaching here at ARPS. Last year I enjoyed working with the Year 1/2 team and I am very excited to be working with the 5/6 teachers and students this year. I am a very keen soccer player and play every weekend with my friends. I originally lived in the UK but have found a new home with the Athol Road Primary School community. Looking forward to the exciting year ahead of us.



OLIVIA NESBITT



Hello everyone, my name is Olivia Nesbitt. I am from New Zealand originally. This year I am looking forward to teaching Year 5/6 at ARPS. I am passionate about Outdoor Education and Sustainability and look forward to sharing these skills with you. In my spare time, I like to sail or be in and around water.

LINDA KEECH

Welcome Year 5/6 families to 2020! Whilst many of the students have worked with me over the years, some new families may not know me as well. My name is Linda Keech and this is my 8th year teaching at Athol Road. I love a challenging maths puzzle and enjoy a cup of tea and a good book. My favourite way to spend my time is travelling to new destinations with my husband. My favourite city is Paris, favourite camping spot is Wilsons Prom and favourite Australian city is Melbourne (though I might be a little biased)! I am incredibly excited to be working directly with students in Year 5/6 this year. Please stop in and say hello if you have any questions about your child's learning.

