



# Grade 5/6 Newsletter

August 6th, 2018

## IMPORTANT DATES

### **Monday 6th August**

Health Education Session– Talking  
The Talk

### **Friday 10th August**

Regional Hockey Comp  
Cupcake Payments Due

### **Monday 13th August**

Health Education Session– Talking  
The Talk

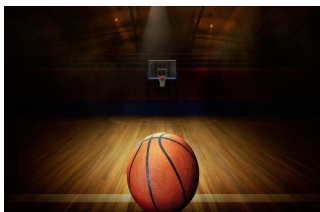
### **Tuesday 14th August**

Somers Camp  
Book Week Parade  
Cupcake Day



### **Tuesday 28th August**

Hoop Time



### **Tuesday 4th September**

Health Education Session– Drug  
Education/ Family Forum Night

## Grade 5/6 City Camp

On the 31st July and the 1st of August Grade 5/6 went on an adventure to the city. We stayed at the Discovery Melbourne and did many amazing things and learnt lots of interesting facts about our city.

We went to: Queen Victoria Market, MCG, Melbourne Sports Museum, Birrung Marr, Federation Square, China Town, Ice-skating at O'Brien Sports Arena, Parliament House, Melbourne Gaol.



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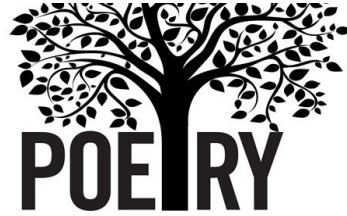
# What We Are Learning In Grade 5/6!

## Literacy

This term we are focusing on Australian poetry and in particular, looking at the work of Banjo Patterson. We will be analysing poetry and creating our own narratives from poems.

We will be:

- sharing opinions about poems.
- examining text structures in poetry.
- examining and compared odes and anthems.
- writing our own school anthem.
- analysing and writing about Australian poetry.



## Numeracy

Over the past few weeks students have been investigating number patterns. Students have been analysing and showing the structure of a pattern in different ways. They have also been investigating equations and how they represent a balance between two quantities on each side of the equal sign. Changing both sides the same way does not change this relationship.

Over the next four weeks students will be investigating fractions, decimals and percentages. We will begin with looking at equivalent fractions, improper fractions, mixed numerals and subtracting and adding fractions with different denominators.

## Inquiry

The focus of inquiry in Term 3 is Economics. Students are very excited about the prospect of setting up a business with 3 other students, with the view to winning support from a "Patch Business Community Shark Tank" (who may meet student's requests for monetary support and / or mentoring to start the business off), and taking their idea further and running a stall at the PatchFest in October. Only one group from each grade will win the opportunity to take their idea to the PatchFest. Other students will then back these three businesses and support them in producing their product, advertising and running the stall.

All students will learn how to form a partnership, create a business plan, budget, develop ideas and prototypes, and pitch their ideas to the "Shark Tank." All students will have the chance to win one of several business awards.

The rules of the project are:

1. You will form a business with three other students.
2. Your business is to run a stall.
3. Your market / Patch Festival stall is to be held at school on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2018. At this stall you must sell a good or service that you have designed yourselves.
4. Each business will complete a business plan. (This will be done as group work in class.)
5. The business plan is to be presented to a panel of three judges. If the plan is successful, the business may receive an agreed amount to cover costs.
6. Your aim is to run the most successful business. Awards will be presented in the following categories:

- } Most money raised for the school
- } Most innovative product / idea developed
- } Best presented business plan
- } Best run marketing/advertising campaign
- } Sustainable ideas.

# Snowsports

It's been a very eventful few weeks in the world of sports at the Patch.

Term 3 saw the beginning of our winter interschool sports competition. All of the students in 5/6 had been eagerly training in their lunchtime sessions and all of our teams were looking in great shape.

In the first week of Term our AFL, Soccer and Netball teams attended the first round of competition at Monbulk. We had a hugely successful day of competition with a team from each sport progressing through to the Division competition the following week, along with our T-ball team, who were playing for the first time in this round.

Each of our teams showed a huge improvement between the two rounds and the teamwork between the students was truly admirable. Although our teams didn't progress beyond the division stage of competition it was a huge achievement to make it to this round and we're incredibly proud to have had our students represent the Patch as a school. I'd like to wish our Hockey team the very best of luck as they head off to compete at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Finals this Friday.

In PE this term we've been having an amazing time learning how to snowboard all within the comfort of our own school hall. With funding from the sporting schools program we have been lucky enough to get our hands on a class set of snow sports gear to help us learn how to snowboard at school. At the conclusion of our snow sports program each student in our school between the ages of 7-13 will receive a golden ticket.

The golden ticket initiative provides the opportunity for every child that completes a little shredders program to have an on-snow experience of their very own at no cost.

Buller, Charlotte Pass, Hotham, Falls Creek, Perisher, Selwyn Snow Resort and Thredbo have all signed on to provide an opportunity for children to transition from the program to a resort based activity.

Each child that completes the program will have access to:

2 day lift pass

2 day equipment hire

Lessons from a qualified instructor

If you'd like to find out more information about the program please visit

[littleshredders.com.au](http://littleshredders.com.au)





## Netball

On Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of July the Patch Power netball team participated in the district netball competition at the Monbulk netball courts. Every one tried their best and all our hard training paid off when our A team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the district. We progressed through to the division competition and added some subs in from the B team.

On Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of July the Patch Power netball team went to the Knox Regional Netball Centre to compete against the netball division. We finished fourth in our division only winning one game. The schools were hard and tough and we won to the team that came first in our district making us the best team in our district. We are so proud of all the girls that participate in the sport. We want to thank all the girls who trained super hard for the competition. We could not have done it without them. Big thanks to Viv and Lisa who helped us train on Mondays and Fridays we would not have been able to get this far without them and the feedback they gave us. We also want to thank all the parents that helped with scoring and simply just cheering the girls on and making the day a whole lot more fun.

Hopefully next year's team will be just as passionate about the game and just as devoted to the team.

**By Milla & Belinda**



## Football

### Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2018, District Football.

Some of the year 5's and 6's went to compete against 3 other schools in the district football. The football team had been training for this day for about 6-8 weeks. Gus (myself), Ford, Todd and Bryn coached this team at lunch play. In the 6-8 weeks I had seen improvement over everyone, their skills and ball use that they had worked so hard at really paid off on the day and I am very proud of all of them. In the end we had won 2 and lost 1 which meant we were going to division. In the games everyone was sharing the ball around, encouraging if mistakes had been made and celebrating goals and victories. So to that I congratulate you all on your endeavor and efforts.

### Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of July 2018, Division Football.

The next week we played again but this time instead of being at Monbulk we were playing at Boronia. We didn't get much time to train but in the trainings that we got the team worked really hard. As the day came we were all a little nervous but I reckon they were more excited than nervous. We played 5 games and sadly won none but the most important thing that I pulled out of all of the games is that everybody had fun. As we came back to school we kept our heads high even though we were knocked out of the competition. Gus (Myself), Ford, Todd and Bryn would like to thank the kids who played in the team because without you guys there would have been no footy team.

**By Gus**





# Grade 5/6 City Camp

Dear Diary,

By today I'm sure we were all exhausted from all the walking, but alas, more walking was still to come. Last night I forgot to mention we went ice-skating too! Which was so joyful! I wasn't very good but I gave it a shot. Anyway, today we did a scavenger hunt at Fed Square, but my eyes became fixated on the big screen when a video about space came on. After that we went to Melbourne Gaol. I could talk about it all day but I don't have much time. All the same it was utterly fascinating! Next we had lunch and went to Parliament! There was security. Inside was the most beautiful thing ever. I felt as though I was a queen. There were chandeliers and gold and it was amazing! We did role playing.

Emily D





In the depths of Melbourne City lies an old mask of former lives, changed laws and punishments too gruesome to be legal. Somewhere that not only slaughtered 133 criminals, but kept penniless families there for months with only rations to live off. What is this horrific place, you ask? Well, this torture chamber goes by the name of Old Melbourne Gaol, home to Ned Kelly's death mask and many more dark secrets.

We went there on City Camp, the year was 2018, the date being the 1st of August. We were taken inside the gaol to have a tour of the place and once we looked inside the cells, we could see why there were so many escapees.

Ned Kelly's resting place was an interesting discovery, and the death mask perched behind glass chambers looked on as we explored the area, lifeless but staring.

Carlyyn

