

## GRADE 5/6 INFORMATION 2016

### HOMework

- Students are to complete all tasks on the homework grid each week and have this signed by a parent or guardian. Homework books need to be returned each Friday. All tasks will be explained in class on the Monday. If students need further assistance they can come and see us any time before Friday for assistance. We strongly encourage the students to come and see us first before you, the parent needs to, as we want to foster their independent learning.
- There is an expectation in regards to the acceptable presentation of homework activities. In the event of unsatisfactory presentation and/or incomplete homework, attendance at Homework Club on a Friday lunchtime will be compulsory to ensure these expectations are met.
- We encourage the use of Edmodo for students to support each other when seeking clarification of tasks or sharing ideas.
- The homework diary can also be used as a form of possible communication should the need arise.

### SPELLING

- The 5/6 spelling homework supports Write To Read by encouraging students to be 'code spotters' and 'rule checkers'. Rather than be given 10 spelling words to learn each week, students will be given activities that encourage them to recognise codes and rules and build on their ability to apply these to a variety of words. This activity will correspond with the codes and rules being covered that week and may also include 'challenge words' or Topic related words.
- Students will have a copy of the **70 Phonograms codes** in their homework book. It is expected that they practise reading and writing these codes until they become automatic recall.
- They will also have a list of the spelling rules and 'gangsters' to refer to whilst doing their homework. These will be revisited throughout the year.

### READING

Students are expected to read for 30 minutes 5 days a week. This should include a variety of text types including picture story books, novels, non-fiction books, newspapers and magazines etc. Reading is to be recorded in their reading log (as part of their homework diary), signed by a parent or guardian each night.

Books may be borrowed from either the school or classroom libraries.

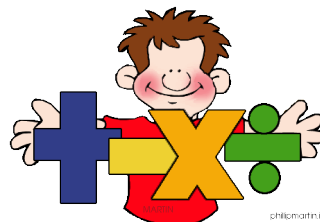


### TARGETED MATHS

- A form of grouping students with similar knowledge within a designated Mathematical area e.g. Time or Place Value
- It happens every Tuesday for a double lesson within the entire Grade 5/6 cohort.
- Students are grouped into 5 classes, which of course means a lower student : teacher ratio.

#### REMEMBER:

- It not about Top and Bottom – it is needs based groups - each class has a different target.
- The groups are fluid – reviewed every week
- Maths sessions still take place on the other 4 days a week within Home Groups



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### EDMODO

**Edmodo** is an educational website that takes the ideas of a social network and refines them and makes it appropriate for a classroom. Using **Edmodo**, students and teachers can reach out to one another and connect by sharing ideas, problems, and helpful tips.

Students will be given their own log in and password and will be able to access Edmodo during class time as well as at home.

### ICT



The Australian Curriculum states: 'Information and communication technologies are fast and automated, interactive and multimodal, and they support the rapid communication and representation of knowledge to many audiences and its adaptation in different contexts. They transform the ways that students think and learn and give them greater control over how, where and when they learn'. At MSFS, we aim to provide a safe environment for students to learn how to effectively utilise the World Wide Web safely while *living by our School Values*.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bulystoppers/Pages/advicencybersafe.aspx>

### TRANSITION

- Start looking at your future High School in Year 5.
- Arrange and get tours of the school in addition to the normal tours – it gives you a perspective on what the school will be like in normal working hours.
- Forms come out Term 2 – due back Mid May.
- Select top 3 preferences otherwise the closest secondary school will be allocated. Private school will be indicated on the form.
- Acceptance timeline is approximately end of August
- Questions or further advice, please come and have a chat to one of the teachers.



### FRIDAY SPORT

- Rotated through a variety of sports throughout the year, culminating in interclass competitions at the end of each term. Sports change with seasons/interschool competitions.
- There are weekly awards for Sportsmanship, improvements and excellence.
- Interschool competition is in Term 2 with Netball and Football.

