



5/6A OC Information Session 2013



Class Needs - To be replenished as needed

- ✓ A medium pencil case
- ✓ 12 coloured pencils and textas
- ✓ Blue and Red pens
- ✓ Pencils
- ✓ Ruler /Scissors
- ✓ Maths set (compass, protractor etc)
- ✓ Eraser/ Sharpener
- ✓ 2 display folders
- ✓ 2 scrapbooks
- ✓ 2GB+ thumb drive (name must be on it)
- ✓ Student diary (prepares children for high school time management and great place for storing passwords for all the sites we use)
- ✓ Glue sticks
- ✓ Tissues
- ✓ Paint shirt
- ✓ A bottle of Liquid soap
- ✓ A drink bottle for the classroom (you are encouraged to have water in the classroom)

Text Books - This year we will be using the Sound Waves text as part of our spelling program and Advanced Primary Mathematics to support our learning in maths. The cost for students in the OC is \$45. Student exercise books were also sent home earlier in the term to be covered.

Homework - (Assigned on Mondays and due Fridays)

- ✓ Home reading (minimum 3 times per week)
- ✓ Spelling – spellingcity.com
- ✓ Maths – mathletics.com
- ✓ Yearbook – given out first week of the month. Due last week of the month.

All links/instructions can be found on the class blog or edmodo.

*Other online programs – sumdog, zoowhiz, studyladder. All students have been given login usernames and passwords

English -

- ✓ Reading – Focus on Reading (super six)
- ✓ Novel study – Rain May
- ✓ Writing – Exposition
- ✓ Spelling – pre test + post test

NAPLAN - The National Assessment program takes place for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 early next term. We will be preparing our students for NAPLAN this term and will be looking at past tests and examples to familiarise students with the format. Our focus areas include – reading, spelling, grammar, persuasive writing and numeracy. **Awesome Club** (Friday lunch)

Mathematics - Children will be using a variety of different programs during the maths session (between recess and lunch.

Our teaching and learning strands include –

- ✓ Number, Patterns and Algebra, Measurement and Data, Space and Geometry and Working Mathematically

Programs to support learning:

- ✓ **Textbook** – Advanced Primary Mathemtics
- ✓ **iMaths** – group work investigation programs

- ✓ **Maths in a Box** – numeracy problem solving
- ✓ **Think Tank** – mathematical computations

Technology – Students will participate in a variety of technology experiences in all learning areas. They will use computers during literacy and maths and also utilise our Computer Room during formal technology lessons.

Focus programs:

- ✓ Microsoft applications
- ✓ Class/student blogs
- ✓ Edmodo

Library/Science/Music – Thursday on even weeks. Miss Beker – library. Mr Britt – music. Miss Stanniland – science.

Personal Development – This term our main aim is to promote our school expectations of Responsibility, Respect and Quality. We will also be completing our Anti Bullying unit this term.

PE and Sport – All students will be participating in a PE program 2 lessons per week. Children will participate in a variety of fitness, games and fundamental movement skills. Sport will be held on a Friday.

Attendance/Notes – School commences at 9.10am. Students are required to line up for morning assembly when the bell goes. Teacher supervision starts at 8.45am. Students are to leave their bags at the silver seats when they arrive. If arriving at school late or leaving early, please fill in the required slip at the office and bring it to the classroom. A note is also required to explain whole day absences.

Fruit Break – Each morning at approximately 10.15am we will be having a fruit break. This is an opportunity for students to bring in a small portion of fresh fruit or vegetables and water to have as a mid morning snack. It is recommended that students bring in small ready to eat portions. Recess is as normal.

Scripture – Scripture will be held every Tuesday morning at approximately 9.50am. There are 3 kinds of scripture available – Baha'i, Catholic and combined scripture. We also offer an Ethics class. If you do not wish your child to take part in scripture, please bring in a note so that alternate arrangements can be made.

Assemblies – Our assembly for students in Years 3-6 is held every Monday in the upper hall from 12.30pm. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend. Each week 2 students from our class will receive a merit award and 1 student will receive a TICs award (totally incredible citizen). Our whole school assembly will be held in weeks 5 and 10 where one student per class will receive a Principal's Personal Best award and attend a special morning tea with Mr Selwood at the end of the term.

Star Card – All students have received a blue Star Card. Each week they will receive either a star, signature or RN (recorded notification) based on their behaviour from the week. All students who achieve 80% of stars will attend the Star Card reward day at the end of the term. Star Cards are sent home each Friday and need to be signed by parents and then returned to school the following week.

Excursion – Our major excursion this year for students in Stage 3 will be a trip to Bathurst at the end of term 3. Approx cost = \$280

Term 1 excursion – Sydney (parliament house & Australian museum). Later in the year – CSIRO (class scientist), Chess competition, It's Academic, Engineering challenge day.

Canteen – Our school canteen is usually open everyday at recess and lunch. Volunteers are still wanted, so if you can help out please let the office know.

Breakfast Club – Breakfast Club operates for students every morning before school from 8.30am-9.30am. This program offers students the opportunity to eat a healthy breakfast for a coin donation. Breakfast Club is also looking for parent helpers. Please let the office know if you can assist.

Star of the Week – Each week we have a new 'star' who takes on the responsibility of class leader and also gets the opportunity to share information about themselves with the class and on the blog. Class members also design a star for them which is used for a poster that students later get to keep. This activity aims to develop not only responsibility but self-esteem and friendship skills.

Class Dojo – Our Class Dojo is an interactive positive behavior reward system. Students receive points for making appropriate choices in the classroom. At the end of each week, students will receive rewards based on their point total. Our class negotiated a point system. 10 points = lolly, 20 points = prize from the prize box, 30 points = 30 mins computer time, 40 or more points = ALL reward prizes.

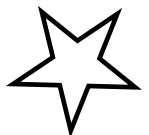
Other Opportunities-

Activities coming up this term/year –

CSIRO class mathematician and scientist
Face to a Name Project (World War 1 honour roll research)
Packaging and Design competition – Term 1
Styx & Throsby creek brochure competition – Term 1
Go4Grains competition - Term 2
Newcastle Herald Writing competition – later Term 1
Murder Under the Microscope
Thinkfest
Engineering Day Challenge
Chess comp
Maths Olympiad
Robotics Green City Challenge
Premiers Reading Challenge
Premiers Spelling Bee
Premiers Debating Challenge
It's Academic

Availability – If you need to contact me please come and see me of a morning before 9am or most afternoons after 3pm. Alternatively, you can ring the office to make an appointment or indicate a suitable time to phone you back.

Tiger Talks OC blog – Visit or subscribe to our class blog
<http://tigheshilloc2013.edublogs.org>



Thank you for coming along today and I look forward to a fun and successful year with your children.

Kind regards,
Kerrie Armstrong