

Welcome

What a busy start to the term it's been. It's been such a joy getting to know the Class of 2025 this week. All the Grade 6 teachers have been impressed with how settled and ready to learn the students are, especially given the inconsistent weather we've had since the start of term. We are excited for all the amazing things this year holds. This year we are lucky to have Brittany Scampton working in our level one day a week and we welcome her to our team.

Literacy

In Reading this term we will be establishing our classroom routines around our reading practices. In addition, we will be using targeted comprehension strategies to interpret and analyse a variety of text types. Each classroom will be reading *Blueback* by Tim Winton that will be used to evoke discussion and focus on our critical thinking skills.

This term in Writing we will be following the *Writer's Workshop* model. Our focus will be on revising and re-establishing the routines that were introduced last year, with the goal of increasing the writing stamina and independent writing skills of the students.

In Spelling, we will be developing our understanding of spelling through different strategies. The major spelling strategies we will be exploring are Visual Memory, Grapho-phonetic (sound- symbol knowledge) and Morphology (word knowledge). Students will also participate in a whole class word-inquiry unit.

Mathematics

The Grade 6 team will continue to use an Open ended / problem solving approach to our teaching of maths. This approach is engaging and hands-on, which leads to mathematicians that not only understand concepts, but can also explain their thinking and reasoning. This term we will be focusing on Place Value, Location and Mapping and Data collecting.

Integrated Studies

Our unit this term is called *Protect, Connect, Respect*. The students will discover how their digital footprint or reputation builds up over time. They will learn about positive online behaviours, including the value of respect, responsibility, empathy, resilience and critical thinking. The students will be examining the impact technology use has on their social, emotional and physical health.

Compass & Class Dojo

All teachers at TBPS use Compass and Class Dojo to communicate with parents. Please ensure you have notifications turned on for both and keep up to date with any announcements that come out.



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If you have changed your email address, be sure to let the office staff know.

IMPORTANT—if you have a message to convey to your child regarding after school pick-up arrangements please call the office rather than message us as we get busy during the day and often don't check these platforms until after school.

Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews

On Wednesday February 12, we will be holding ‘Student-Parent-Teacher’ interviews. These interviews will give you the opportunity to talk with your child’s new teacher and discuss any special needs or concerns as well as set student learning goals.

Homework

We will be starting homework in Week 3. This will go out on Tuesday and be due back the following Monday. It will include a maths exercise sheet and 60 minutes of reading for the week. Students will record their reading in their reading log, which will be in their homework book.

We encourage you to take some time to sit with your child and set up a study routine that will help develop some good homework habits for this year and for secondary school.

Camp

Camp is sure to be a highlight for this term, if not the whole year. On Monday March 3 we head off to Phillip Island Adventure Resort for 3 days of fun, excitement and challenging ourselves. We will be returning on Wednesday March 5.

We currently have several students’ permission forms and payments outstanding. It is crucial these are returned ASAP as we need to start organising groups and cabins. Medical Forms need to be completed by 26th of February.

Please check Compass to make sure that your child’s permission form and payment is completed.

If there’s anything we can help with, please don’t hesitate to get in contact with your child’s teacher. This can be done via Compass or by calling the school office. We are so looking forward to a wonderful year!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Lisa MacLean, Claire Knight, Nick Jones and Deb Houghton

Brain food and water bottles

We strongly encourage students to bring a water bottle and brain food to school. Children can keep their water bottles on their table. This not only allows students to keep hydrated, which helps with concentration, but also avoids unnecessary interruptions to go and have a drink during learning time.



Having brain food in the morning is also another great way to keep energy levels up and ensure that students can perform to their very best.

GRADE 6 TERM OVERVIEW

TERM 1 2025

WEEK 1	JANUARY 27	JANUARY 28 Staff Return	JANUARY 29 First Day of School Gr 1 - 6 Prep Testing	JANUARY 30 Swimming Trials 7am Prep Testing	JANUARY 31 Swimming Trials 7am Preps start 9:30 – 2:00
WEEK 2	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 4	FEBRUARY 5 Prep Testing	FEBRUARY 6	FEBRUARY 7 School Photos – Class/Singles Gr 6 Student Badge Presentation
WEEK 3	FEBRUARY 10 Yr 6 Cyber Safety Incursion	FEBRUARY 11	FEBRUARY 12 Prep Testing Student Parent Interview 2:30pm to 7:00pm	FEBRUARY 13	FEBRUARY 14 District Swimming
WEEK 4	FEBRUARY 17	FEBRUARY 18 Gr 3 - Recycling Incursion	FEBRUARY 19 Prep Testing	FEBRUARY 20	FEBRUARY 21 School Pics -Sibling/Groups
WEEK 5	FEBRUARY 24 VSSS – Mass Rehearsal 1	FEBRUARY 25 Prep Fun Night 5:00 - 6:30	FEBRUARY 26 Prep Testing Gr 3 – 6 Athletics Day – Ringwood Aths Track	FEBRUARY 27	FEBRUARY 28 School Clean Up Day
WEEK 6	MARCH 3 Preps start full time Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp	MARCH 4 Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp	MARCH 5 Grade 3 - Library Excursion Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp	MARCH 6 Prep Incursion - Supreme Incursions - Team Building	MARCH 7
WEEK 7	MARCH 10 Labour Day Public Holiday	MARCH 11	MARCH 12 NAPLAN	MARCH 13 NAPLAN	MARCH 14 NAPLAN
WEEK 8	MARCH 17 NAPLAN Gr 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp Division Swimming	MARCH 18 NAPLAN Gr 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp	MARCH 19 NAPLAN Gr 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp	MARCH 20	MARCH 21 Harmony Day
WEEK 9	MARCH 24	MARCH 25 Gr 6 Boronia K-12 Taster	MARCH 26 Gr 5 & 6 Courage to Care	MARCH 27	MARCH 28 House Cross Country
WEEK 10	MARCH 31	APRIL 1	APRIL 2	APRIL 3 Term 1 finish 3:30pm	APRIL 4 CURRICULUM DAY