

It's great to be back!

The Grade 5 students have made a fantastic start to the school year, settling in well and becoming familiar with their new teachers, location and classmates. Although it's slightly sad that the Summer holiday break is over, we're all happy to be back in the classrooms. Grade 5 is an awesome year for students with many rich learning opportunities presenting themselves in the curriculum. We have an incredibly busy term ahead of us, but rest assured that the experienced team of Britt Morton, Emma Winsall, Andrew Weekes, Lauren Collard and Jess Holmes are prepared for what's ahead!

GRADE 5 CAMP

In Week 8 of this term, we are headed to Cave Hill Creek, for 2 nights, 3 days from March 16th to 18th. Along the way we will visit the Eureka Centre to participate in an education program. Once we're at camp, students will complete activities, such as, Abseiling, Canoeing, Initiatives, Archery, and many others. The food is fantastic, with all dietary and allergies catered for. On our way home from camp, we will be visiting Sovereign Hill for the day. The event is on Compass awaiting consent, payment, and volunteers. More information such as packing lists etc will be coming home over the next couple of weeks.

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.

LITERACY

This term in Reading, our Grade 5 students will be revisiting understanding of texts as well applying a variety of comprehension strategies. We will draw upon these skills to assist in understanding the texts we will read and engage with. These include both fiction and non-fiction texts such as narratives, information reports, biographies and letters. With the revision and extension of these skills, we will arm our students with the best preparation possible to tackle NAPLAN with confidence.

In Writing, our Grade 5 students will continue to build on their persuasive and imaginative writing skills in order for preparation of NAPLAN. We will be exposing them to numerous timed writing prompts for both text types to allow them to be equipped for this. As NAPLAN will be on devices this

DATES OF INTEREST

Friday February 6
School Photos Day

Wednesday February 11
PFA AGM
7:00pm
Staffroom

Monday February 16
Parent - Teacher Interviews
2pm to 6:30pm

Thursday February 19
District Swimming

February 23 - March 15
Smile Squad Dental

February 23 - 27
African Drumming Program

March 5 - 6
First Aid in Schools

March 16 - 18
Grade 5 Camp
Cave Hill Creek

Tuesday March 24
Boronia K-12 Discovery Day

Thursday March 26
Harmony Day

Thursday April 2
House Cross Country
Term ends 2:30pm



year, they will be spending their writing sessions on laptops to increase their typing skills. We do encourage any time they can be typing on a laptop a great assistance.

NUMERACY

The Grade 5 team will use an open ended / problem solving approach to our teaching of maths. This approach is more 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 and Location & Mapping, as well as preparing how to give ourselves the best chance of success during assessments, such as NAPLAN.

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. 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 Monday February 16th, 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. It is hoped that you will bring your child along to the interview so that they are part of the goal setting. Information regarding these interviews will be available on Compass shortly. Please book in early to secure your preferred time.

NAPLAN

This runs in Week 7 of this term and will be conducted online. Students will be prepared by their teachers to achieve their best. During this time we understand that many students become very stressed and anxious so we try our best to ensure that they're relaxed and understand that NAPLAN is just a test, not a reflection of who they are. More information will be coming home over the coming weeks.

HOMEWORK

Will be sent out Friday of Week 3. Students will be expected to complete 60 minutes of reading over the week which will be recorded in a Reading



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Andrew Weekes



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Log - they can choose to spread this out over several days - as well as a Maths sheet that will allow them to revise concepts.

A significant aspect of homework, particularly in the Senior School, is students developing the organisation skills required throughout their learning journey. This includes not only completing a set task by a due date, but also to ensure they bring their homework folder to and from school.

We look forward to working with you throughout the year. If you have any concerns at any time please do not hesitate to contact us.

Lauren Collard, Britt Morton, Emma Winsall and Andrew Weekes

TERM 1 SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

	5CH	5M	5W	5/6W
PHYS ED	Monday 10:20-11:00	Monday 9:40 – 10:20	Monday 9:50-10:40	Monday 11:40-12:20
VISUAL ART	Thursday 12:20 – 1:00	Wednesday 12:20 – 1:00	Wednesday 1:10 – 2:00	Thursday 1:00 – 1:40
PERFORMING ARTS	Tuesday 9:40 – 10:20	Tuesday 10:20 – 11:00	Thursday 12:20 – 1:10	Tuesday 2:30 – 3:10
SCIENCE	Thursday 1:00 – 1:40	Thursday 11:40 – 12:20	Tuesday 10:40 – 11:30	Friday 11:40 – 12:40
LIBRARY/AUSLAN	Thursday 11:40 – 12:20	Thursday 1:00 – 1:40	Tuesday 9:50 – 10:40	Thursday 12:20 – 1:00

WEEK 1	JANUARY 26	JANUARY 27	JANUARY 28 First Day of School Gr 1 - 6	JANUARY 29	JANUARY 30
WEEK 2	FEBRUARY 2 Preps First Day 9:30 – 3:00	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 4	FEBRUARY 5	FEBRUARY 6 School Photos
WEEK 3	FEBRUARY 9	FEBRUARY 10	FEBRUARY 11 PFA AGM	FEBRUARY 12	FEBRUARY 13
WEEK 4	FEBRUARY 16 Student-Parent Teacher Interviews 2pm – 6:30pm School Council 6:30pm	FEBRUARY 17 Gr 4 Incursion – Lets Grow	FEBRUARY 18 Miller’s Homestead Library Excursion	FEBRUARY 19 District Swimming Prep Fun Night 5:00 - 6:30	FEBRUARY 20 Prep Incursion
WEEK 5	FEBRUARY 23	FEBRUARY 24 Gr 4 Kids Helpline Incursion	FEBRUARY 25	FEBRUARY 26	FEBRUARY 27 Firey’s Day
WEEK 6	MARCH 2 Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp	MARCH 3 Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp	MARCH 4 Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp	MARCH 5 First Aid in Schools	MARCH 6 First Aid in Schools
WEEK 7	MARCH 9 Labour Day Public Holiday	MARCH 10	MARCH 11 NAPLAN	MARCH 12 NAPLAN	MARCH 13 NAPLAN
WEEK 8	MARCH 16 Gr 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp NAPLAN	MARCH 17 Gr 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp	MARCH 18 Gr 5 Cave Hill Creek Camp	MARCH 19 The Basin Community House Visit with Mayor Paige Kennett	MARCH 20
WEEK 9	MARCH 23 School Council 6:30pm	MARCH 24 Gr 5 Boronia K-12 Discovery Day	MARCH 25	MARCH 26	MARCH 27 Top 10 Maths Curriculum Day
WEEK 10	MARCH 30	MARCH 31 Regional Swimming	APRIL 1	APRIL 2 House Cross Country Term ends 2:30pm	APRIL 3 Good Friday