

Welcome

What a busy start to Term 1. It’s been such a joy getting to know the Class of 2026. All the Grade 6 teachers have been impressed with how settled and ready to learn the students have been as they get used to the new expectations and classroom practices.

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 a class text 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 teaching different strategies. The major spelling strategies we will be exploring are Visual Memory, Phonemic (sound- symbol knowledge) and Morphology (word knowledge). Students will also participate in 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 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, Location and Mapping and Data collection.

Integrated Studies

Our unit this term is called Protect, Connect, Respect. The students will discover how their digital footprint or reputation online 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. 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 16, we will be holding ‘Student-Parent-Teacher’ interviews. These interviews will give you the opportunity to talk with your child’s new

DATES OF INTEREST

Friday February 6
School Photos Day

Wednesday February 11
PFA AGM
7:00pm
Staffroom

Monday February 16
Parent - Teacher Interviews
2:30pm 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 2 - 4
Grade 6 Camp
Phillip Island

Thursday March 26
Harmony Day

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



teacher and discuss any special needs or concerns. Information regarding these interviews will be available on Compass shortly. Please book in early to secure your preferred time.

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. Students will record their reading 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 2nd we head off to Phillip Island Adventure Resort for 3 days of fun, excitement and challenging ourselves. We will be returning on Wednesday March 4th.

We currently have several students who have not given consent and made payment on Compass. It is crucial this process occurs as we must notify the camp of our final numbers shortly. This information is important in helping us with organising groups and cabins. If your child is not planning on attending, could you please speak to your child’s teacher.

Camp medical forms will be sent via email on Compass at the end of Week 2. Please ensure that you have completed this information by Monday 16th of February.

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, Deb Houghton and Andrew Weekes



Deb Houghton



Claire Knight



Lisa MacLean



Andrew Weekes

TERM 1 SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

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

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 Gr 3 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