

YEAR 6 MATONG COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER TERM 1



The Matong Community would like to WELCOME all the HHPS families to 2019!

This is a very exciting year for our Year 6 students and teachers. We will be working very hard this year to ensure that all of our students are well prepared for their transition to Secondary School.

The Matong Community is very lucky to be placed in one of our school's new relocatable buildings. All of our furniture and stationary is brand new and as a Community we have worked hard to create a welcoming and engaging learning space. We have spent the first few weeks welcoming many new faces and learning about the expected school behaviours of Being Safe, Being Respectful and Being our Best. Our Year 6 students are taking the responsibility of being the senior students very seriously and we have already seen some fantastic displays of positive role modeling within the school.

We are looking forward to having an amazing year in the Matong Community this year!

This Term we are focusing on...

Reading:

- Exploring texts that are 'Just Right' using the five finger test
- Establishing a classroom library
- Reading focus: Predicting, using the front cover, pictures, blurb, and prior knowledge
 - Using evidence to support our predictions
- Developing our Independent Reading stamina

Writing:

- Term genre focus: Narrative
 - Understanding the structure of Narratives: Orientation, Problem, Series of Events and Solution
 - Exploring sizzling starts
 - Developing creative characters and settings
- The writing process: Prewriting, Drafting, Revising, Editing, Publishing
- Grammar: Adjectives, verbs, nouns and tense words
- Spelling: Prefixes, suffixes, irregular plurals and homophones



Numeracy:

- Developing a Growth Mindset when solving challenging Numeracy tasks
- Number and Algebra:
 - Understanding place value and relative size
 - Locating and representing numbers on a number line
 - Ordering numbers using place value knowledge
 - Adding and subtracting decimals
 - Multiplying decimals by whole numbers
 - Division by whole numbers where answers include decimals
 - Multiply and divide decimal numbers by powers of 10
- Measurement and Geometry:
 - 2D and 3D shapes
 - Constructing prisms and pyramids



School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS):

- Establishing classroom routines
- Developing and discussing school expectations
- Exploring 'The Learning Pit'
- Developing our Growth Mindset

We are looking forward to commencing our CBL program term two.



Interschool Sport:

Interschool sport is played by all Year 6 students on Friday morning starting at 9.00am and concluding at approximately 10.45am. All students have been allocated to either Handball, Cricket or Soccer for Term one. Games are played at home (Harvest Home PS grounds) or away at other schools. If you have not completed payment for this program, please ensure this is made promptly. Please ensure your child arrives on time to ensure we can begin our games promptly. We welcome families to attend our games throughout the term.

Electives:

Throughout 2019, we will have a greater focus on student voice with regards to their own learning. An Electives program will be starting in Term 2 for our Year 6 students. The students have had a say on the subjects they will be learning at school. Currently, the Year 6 students are in the process of selecting their elective subjects. More information will be provided at the end of Term 1.

Specialist Timetable:

Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Session 6</u> <i>Home group A - Art</i> <i>Home group B - Science</i>	<u>Session 1</u> <i>Home group A - PE</i> <i>Home group B - Spanish</i> <u>Session 2</u> <i>Home group A - Spanish</i> <i>Home group B - PE</i>	<u>Session 5</u> <i>Home group A - Science</i> <i>Home group B - Art</i>

Year 6 Home Learning Expectations:

It is recommended that students in Year 6 participate in a minimum of 30 minutes of home learning per day. Students are to read their take home book on a daily basis and return it **every** day. Please record the book read each night in their diary. **After** reading, parents are encouraged to discuss the meaning of the text with their child to develop a deeper, richer understanding of what has been read.

Being a 21st Century learning school we have school and home access to some exciting online programs to support the curriculum. In your child's HHPS diary, you will find the login details to the following websites:

- **Reading Eggs-** www.readingeggs.com.au
- **Wushka:** www.wushka.com.au
- **Mathletics-** www.mathletics.com.au
- **Spellodrome** www.spellodrome.com.au

There may be certain instances where unfinished class work will be sent home to be completed. Projects or oral presentations may need to be worked on at home but we will provide more information if this is the case.

Absences:

If for some reason your child is absent from school, you can explain the absence on Compass or make contact with the school on 8468 9000.

Making contact:

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email one of us via Compass, or call the office to arrange a time to pop in for a chat.

Kind Regards,
Jae, Colleen and Taylah
Year 6 Community Teachers

