



HARVEST HOME
PRIMARY SCHOOL

KILLARA (ABC) COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

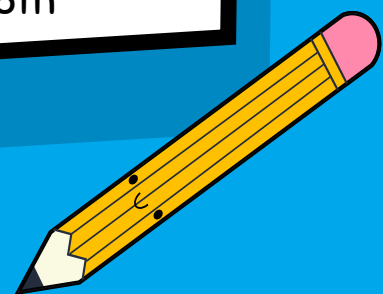
What a wonderful start we have had to this exciting final year of primary school. This year will be full of learning and fun and we can't wait to see what our Year 6s' achieve.

We have begun this term with a focus on the routines and values that make Harvest Home students better people who are ready for their next journey. Students are exploring strategies that help them with their learning and finding their student voice.

We look forward to guiding and supporting our students through the many exciting times but also the challenging times ahead. We have no doubt that our students will experience success as learners and leaders over the next four terms.

KEY DATES

- × Interschool Sports (Soccer, Basketball & Cricket) – Every Friday
- × Dream & Lead Conference (Year 6 Leaders) – February 28th
- × School Photos – March 7th
- × Labour Day Public Holiday – March 13th (NO SCHOOL)
- × GRIP Leadership Conference (Buzz Leaders, Student Voice Leaders & School Captains) – March 28th
- × Last Day of Term One (2:30pm EARLY FINISH) – April 6th



READING

Our focus for Term 1 is for all Year 6 students to create an idea of themselves as a Reader. We are encouraging all students to explore different genres.

In Year 6 we are supporting the students to become curious and go deep into the understanding of the why and meaning behind a story. Here are some of the focus's that we have this term in reading:

- Figurative and literal meaning
- Character traits that support development
- Characters role that they take
- Collaborative, discuss and analysis of a text

Collaboration and the ability to discuss a book with a critical lens is a big part of how year 6 students will show success in reading. We are using different strategies such literacy circles, Yarning circle, think pair share and many more ways to promote a culture of discussion in reading.

Home Reading is always an expectation and is encouraged each night. Home readers have been distributed. A great way to help at home is discuss the text with your child and get them talking about characters, actions and meaning of different events.



WRITING

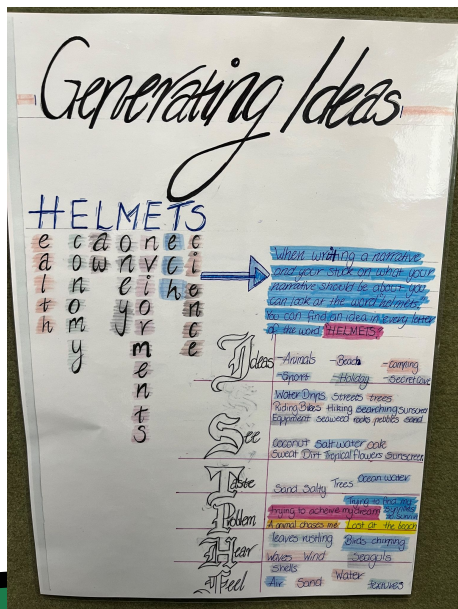
In Term 1 the Year 6 Students will be exploring the text genre of Narrative as well as participating in Authentic Writing Experiences.

NARRATIVE

Students will be continuing to develop their narrative writing skills. We will be exploring the 6+1 Writing Traits to develop our Ideas, Organisation, Voice and Sentence Fluency to expand our writing skills. The Year 6 students will be working to publish a Narrative piece to present to their Prep buddies.

AUTHENTIC WRITING

Authentic writing refers to writing that is true to the writer's own experiences, thoughts, and feelings. Our Year 6's will explore and express their own thoughts, emotions, and experiences in a true and honest way, giving them more voice in their learning.



Suddenly a rustling sound came from the bushes. A slight giggling sounds starts to fill the living room. We broke out into a cold sweat. The monster seems likes its coming closer and closer to our house. - Kelly Vuong

NUMERACY

The beginning of Numeracy in Year 6 has seen students explore, challenge, discover, manipulate and share their thinking. HHPS has adopted a new Numeracy model which promotes students exploring and trailing problem solving strategies to real world maths problems. Throughout the term we will be focusing on:

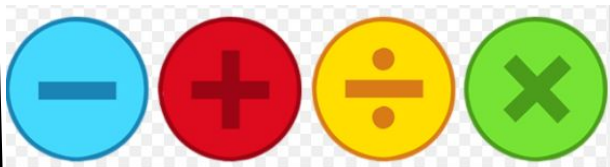
- Learning and adapting from our mistakes
- Integrating various numeracy topics to a problem
- Using resources
- Showing our process when solving a problem

Topic we'll be covering this Term

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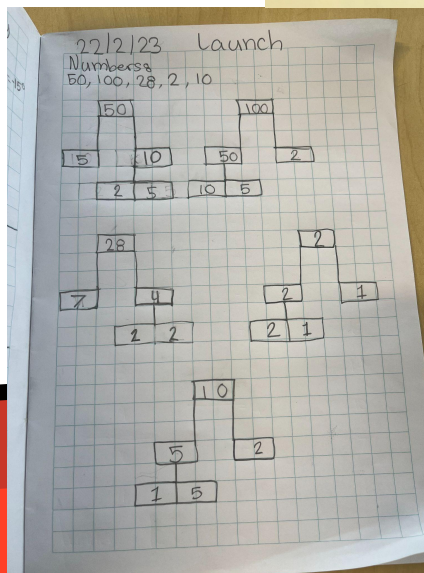


Mental and written strategies – 4 operations



Hundreds chart

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PERSONAL & SOCIAL LEARNING

SCHOOL PRINCIPLES

Students began the year by revisiting the school principles and working collaboratively to create a visual representation of what these look like at Harvest Home Primary.



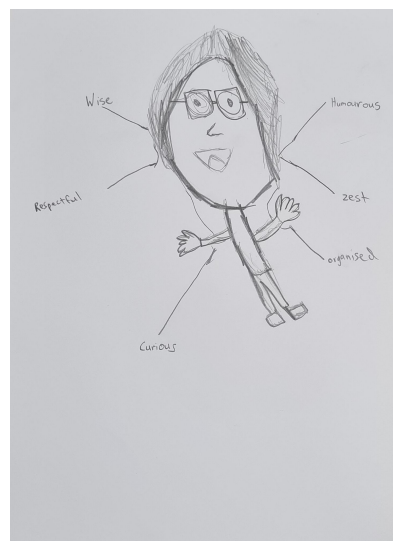
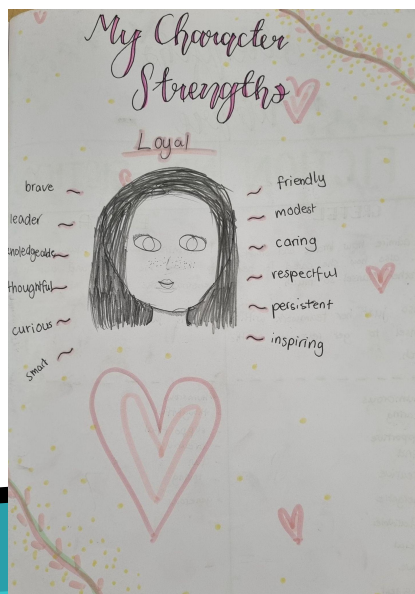
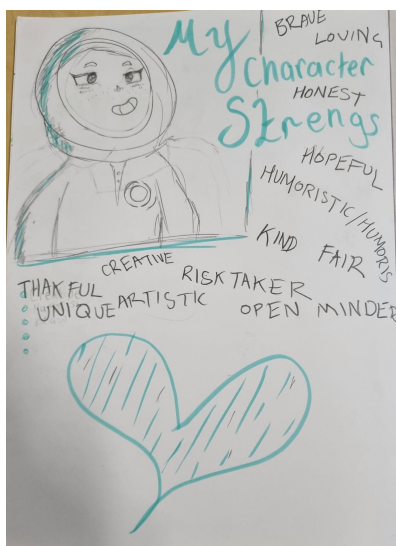
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EMPOWER

All students took part in an online session to explore polite and safe ways of communicating online. They tuned into a live session with other schools and took part in an Inform and Empower lesson by participating and challenging themselves by answering questions through a Kahoot presentation.

CHARACTER STRENGTHS

This Term, Year 6 students have been working on understanding the difference between talents and character strengths. Students were asked to sketch a portrait of themselves and self reflect on their own personal character strengths.



SPECIAL EVENTS

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

Interschool sport is played by all Year 6 students on Friday mornings starting at 9am and concluding at approximately 10.45am. All students had the opportunity to try out for either Basketball, Cricket or Soccer for Term One. Home sport is also an option where those who did not make a team or those who chose to participate in home sport will still be able to have a fun and active morning. Games will be played at home (Harvest Home Primary School grounds), this term there will be no away games. Please ensure your child arrives on time to ensure we can begin our games promptly.

DREAM AND LEAD CONFERENCE

On the 28th February our school leaders will attend the Dream and Lead Conference. This conference will support these students in becoming resilient leaders and support them to begin developing leadership skills that they can use throughout their lives.

PREP BUDDIES

This term our Year 6's will be introduced to a buddy from our prep community. They will spend time getting to know each other and will be role models for our prep students. Our little buddies will be able to look for their year 6 friends in the school grounds at recess and lunch if they need assistance or are feeling a little lost. Your children are very excited to meet their buddies and begin building their relationships.



SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

Killara Homegroup	Monday Session 3 & 4	Wednesday Session 4 & 5	Thursday Session 6
6A	Steam with Hugh PE with Jason	Science with Monique	Steam with Hugh
6B	PE with Jason Science with Kaitlyn	Steam with Hugh Science with Kaitlyn	PE with Jason
6C	Science with Kaitlyn Steam with Hugh	PE with Jason	Science with Kaitlyn

REMINDERS

- × **Sunsmart:** during Term 1, students are required to wear a hat when outside.
- × **Compass:** please regularly refer to Compass for important information, Progressive Report updates and Absences.

Kind Regards,

Stephanie, Kyle & Monica

(Year 6 Community Teachers)

