



HARVEST HOME
PRIMARY SCHOOL

YIAGA A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Dear Yiaga Families,

What a wonderful start we have had to our Year 6's final year of primary school! This year will be filled with exciting opportunities to grow and develop as learners and leaders of the school, we cannot wait to see what our Year 6's achieve as they develop their own Legacy.

We have begun the term with a focus on our school principles: Pride of Place, Kaizen and Legacy. Our Year 6's have the opportunity to lead by example showing pride of place across the school community, work hard to show a little bit of improvement every day and write the legacy they want to leave behind as they embark on their final year! We know many great things will be discovered in Yiaga community this year!





READING

Our curious and determined readers have been hard at work analyzing fiction texts, while also unpacking a range of strategies.

In Year 6 we are supporting the students to go deep into the understanding of the why and meaning behind a story. Some of the focus areas we have this term in Reading are:

- Finding themes in a text
- Making connections to the theme and message of the text
- Character development
- Summarising



Supporting your child's reading:

- Students read 30 minutes a night using their take home readers, online subscriptions or any texts from home
- Ask some of the questions ([click here](#)) to explore different comprehension strategies



WRITING



In Term 1 the Year 6 Students will be exploring the text genre of Narrative Writing.

NARRATIVE

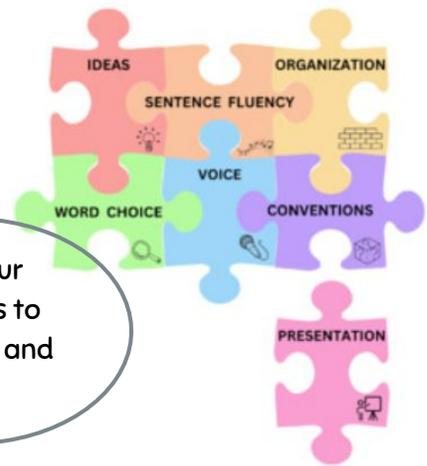
Students will be continuing to develop their narrative writing skills. We will be exploring the 6+1 Writing Traits to develop our Ideas, Organisation, Voice and Sentence Fluency to expand our writing skills.

Our Year 6 students will be working to publish a Narrative piece to present to their Prep buddies as well as their own personal piece.

What are you looking forward to in writing this year?



Sharing our narratives to our preps and debates.

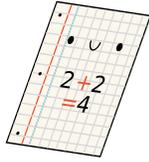


I am most looking forward to debates and writing a book for my prep buddy





NUMERACY



The beginning of Numeracy in Year 6 has seen students explore, challenge, discover, manipulate and share their thinking. HHPS Numeracy model promotes students exploring and trailing problem solving strategies to real world maths problems.

Topic we'll be covering this Term:

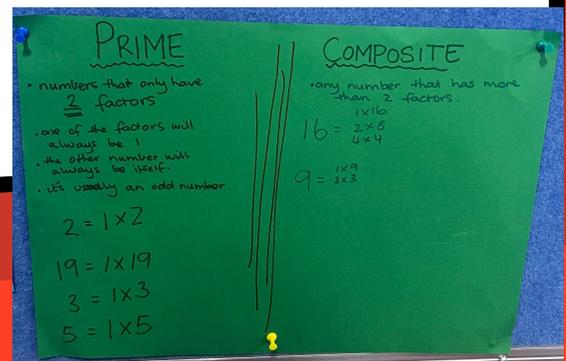
Place Value – identifying and describing, prime & composite, square & triangular numbers

Integers – identifying positive and negative numbers on a number line

Operations – developing mental strategies to solve problems involving all 4 operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication & division

3D shapes – constructing prisms and pyramids

	Square	Triangular
1 st	1	1
2 nd	4	3
3 rd	9	6
4 th	16	10
5 th	25	15
6 th	36	21
7 th	49	28



PERSONAL & SOCIAL LEARNING

SCHOOL PRINCIPLES

Students began the year by revisiting the school principles and working collaboratively with their peers to begin thinking about what they want their Legacy to be in their final year at HHPs. We look forward to continuing to support students with their Legacy throughout the year.

INFORM & EMPOWER

All students took part in an online session to explore safe ways to engage 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.

EMOTIONAL LITERACY

This Term, Year 6 students will begin to take a deeper look into emotions and the associated behaviours. Students will think about and discuss positive, negative and mixed emotions and how to recognise these in themselves and others. To support this community teachers are regularly doing wellbeing check ins with students using the 'How are you Feeling?' charts and encouraging students to use the regulation tools in their 'toolbox' to support them to self regulate ensuring they are ready to learn.

How Are You Feeling?

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Name: _____

Ready to Learn	Toolbox Strategies			Not Ready to Learn Yet I need adult help	
1 	2 	3 	4 	5 	
Happy / Good Calm Okay / Safe Confident Positive / Hopeful	Disappointed Uncomfortable Confused Tired / Bored	Irritated / Frustrated Anxious / Worried Annoyed Misunderstood Silly / Wiggly	Overwhelmed Angry / Mad Upset	Furious Out of Control Helpless Unsafe	



SPECIAL EVENTS

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS

Interschool sport is played by all Year 6 students on Friday mornings starting at 9am and concluding at approximately 11.15am.

Students have the opportunity to play for either Basketball, Cricket or Soccer for Term One.

Home sports options include a range of activities at school as well as a variety incursions and excursions.

Please ensure your child arrives on time to ensure we can begin our games promptly.



DREAM AND LEAD CONFERENCE

On the 12th March 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 YIAGA A

Yiaga Homegroup	Monday Session 4 & 5	Thursday Session 1 & 2	Friday Session 5
6A	PE with Rob Steam with Paul	Mindfulness with Louisa Art with Melissa	Science with Carmen
6B	Science with Carmen PE with Rob	Mindfulness with Marina Spanish with Julia	Steam with Hugh
6C	Steam with Paul Science with Carmen	PE with Rob Mindfulness with Louisa	Art with Melissa



REMINDERS



- × **Home Learning:** all students have access to their online subscriptions details in their diaries
- × **Sunsmart:** Hats must be worn during Term 1, when students are involved in outdoor activities/lessons and/or play breaks
- × **Compass:** please regularly refer to Compass for important information, updates and Absences.

Kind
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Maria,

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and

Regards,
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