

Senior School Term 4 Letter

Dear parents,

We would like to warmly welcome our students back to school for the final term of the year.

On the academic front, we are pleased to share that the emphasis on academic excellence is evident as we have programs and strategies to prepare our students for 2019. It is heartening to note the positive study culture and the level of care that have been established in our school.

Senior school staff: <u>Level 6</u> - Janice Miller, Helen Karvela, Megan Stewart-North, Jen Gibson <u>Level 5</u> - Alex Nitsos, Steve Pertz, Rachel Wallace, Caroline Eva (Mon, Tue, Wed), Christina Kondoleon (Thur, Fri)

Swimming: Senior Students will be involved in a 9 day intensive swimming program from Monday 8th October - Friday 19th October. We are not swimming on Friday 12th October due to the Cricket Gala Day.

Homework: One homework contract is set per week and is due in every Friday. Spelling words are written into the contract and practised at home. Nightly reading includes a reflection recording. Mathletics tasks are set weekly and relate to our class work. If you have any queries regarding the homework please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Planners: These are to be brought to school every day as the students record important events and when work is due. Please ensure that you sign your child's planner each week.

Punctuality: Students are to arrive in their classroom at 8:50am every morning. Lessons commence at 9:00am.

Absences: Please ensure you log all absences on Compass.

Hats: As part of our Sun Smart policy, students are to wear a school hat when outdoors from 1st September to 30th April, as UV radiation is most intense in Victoria (as advised by the Cancer Council).

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Upcoming Events

Monday 8 - Friday 19 October

Swimming program

Friday 12 October

Cricket Gala Day

No swimming on this day

Open days at GPS

Wednesday 24 October

2pm – 5pm

Thursday 25 October

8.30am - 10.30am

Thursday 1 November

Outdoor Classroom Day

Thursday 15 November

Year 5 yLead workshop

Monday 3 December

French Day

Tuesday 18 December

Year 6 Graduation Day

Friday 21 December

End of term, 1.30pm dismissal

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Sport: This term we will run a Summer Cup house sport competition after the swimming program. The house captains and vice-captains have the responsibility to organise this event.

English – Reading: Our learning focus is continuing with our book club group, reading and discussions. Students will study text features used by authors, and continue to use strategies such as, predicting, summarising, questioning, visualising and inferring to improve and extend their comprehension skills.

English – Writing: The writing focus this term is procedural and explanation texts. Later in the term, year 5 students will be involved in writing leadership speeches for 2019 student leadership roles. Our word study program 'Words Their Way' will continue this term.

Mathematics: Our students will continue to be engaged in differentiated learning through whole class and small group instruction. This term there will be a particular focus on the number topics of patterns and algebra, and money and financial maths.

Technologies: Students will be working on Scratch (coding program) using task cards. Year 5 will also learn about stop motion animation.

Science: This term the senior school will study Biological Science. The year 5 topic is Desert Survivors and the year 6 topic is Marvellous Microorganisms.

Humanities: This term year 5 will study geography and year 6 will continue to study business and economics.

Term dates:

Click here for the 2018 - 2025 Victorian school term dates.

HATS ON - SUNSMART FROM THE 1ST SEPTEMBER STUDENTS MUST WEAR A SUNSMART HAT WHEN OUTSIDE



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2018 Student Leaders

School Captains

Sienna M & Jack F

Music Leaders

Selina C & Byron Z

Visual Arts Leaders

Natalie T & Arthur L

Library Leaders

Shreya K & Olivia D

French Leaders

Charlie R & Timothy S

Social Service Leaders

Gabrielle G & Akio W

Environment Leaders

Nikita P & Max B

Wellbeing Leaders

Lauren B & Ila S

Science Leaders

Lily B & David T

EAL Leader

Apple Q

Communication Leaders

Aisha W, Tom M, Kade I & Harry E

House Leaders:

Allen Captains

Tammy W & Cooper G

Allen Vice Captains

Chloe C & Blake K

Wright Captains

Zara P & Cooper R

Wright Vice Captains

Eve S & Luca A

Woods Captains

Emily W & James K

Woods Vice Captains

Afrina F & Hugh W

Gardiner Captains

Charlotte R & Archer N

Gardiner Vice Captains

Isabella A & Matt D

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