

## GRADE 5/6 AREA NEWSLETTER TERM 1 2018

### WELCOME!

Dear students, parents and caregivers,

We are very excited to begin the 2018 school year working with such a delightful group of students! The classes are already displaying a strong work ethic in the way they have settled in and committed to their own learning. They have completed some fun and very necessary, 'getting to know you' activities with a strong focus on this term's value of endeavour. The 5/6 cohort are the leaders of the school and whilst some students will have specific roles such as the school captains and the Grade 5 house captains we expect every student to display and support the school values in their dealings with all staff and students. We aim to provide 5/6 students with many exciting learning opportunities at school and outside of school, such as interschool sport, Young Leaders Day and Grade 6 Camp.

We look forward to a great term working with your wonderful children.

The 5/6 Team

Mrs Jo Rigby: Team Leader Room 13	Ms Agatha Blatti: Room 11	Mr Heath Ellis: Room 14
Ms Simone Meagher: Room 12	Mrs Tayla Quigley Room 10	

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Week	Date/Event	Details
1.	Welcome	
2.	Home learning begins Grade 5 House sports begins, Grade 6 ISS training	On school website and on Manga High At school
3.		
4.	19/2/18: School captain nominee speeches at assembly 21/2/18: Parent teacher meetings 23/2/18 Interschool Sport begins	9.00 start Hall 2.30-7.00pm Normal school hours for students
5.	26/2/18: School captains announced at assembly 28/2/18-2/3/18: Grade 6 camp 28/2/18-2/3/18: Grade 5 non- camp activities	9.00 start Hall 3 days Portsea Grade 6 At school Grade 5
6		
7	12/3/18; Labour Day Holiday	
8		
9	29/3/18: Young Leaders Day	Small group of students TBA. Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre



Grade 6 are off to Portsea on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup>! Six teachers will accompany them for 2 nights and 3 days of adventure! The camp has an outdoor focus and students will experience a variety of water and land based activities. As well, students will spend time on the beach, go for a night walk and enjoy a disco. Grade 6 camp is always great fun and a wonderful way for students and teachers to bond before the student's final year.

## ENGLISH

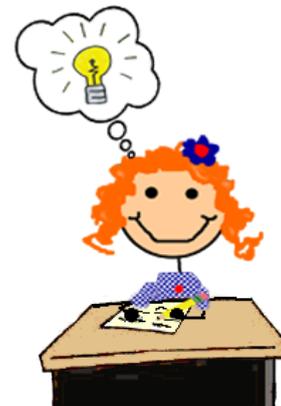
### Reading and Viewing:

Students will continue to learn and practise a range of reading strategies and skills to support their learning across all curriculum areas. A particular focus will be on paraphrasing and summarising to support the researching skills required to locate, unpack and utilise information in Inquiry. Students will do this by exploring a variety of reading materials including guided readers, newspaper articles and electronic media and complete tasks independently and/or cooperatively. These skills will also be taught through 'Guided Reading,' and/or 'Reciprocal Reading' sessions in small groups within the class. Each reading lesson will also include independent reading.



### Writing:

To begin the term the students will be exploring the structure of a narrative and independently writing a range of descriptive stories. As the term progresses, each student will explore persuasive writing, using the writing process of Planning, Composing, Recording, Revising, Editing, Publishing and Conferencing. They will be encouraged to develop and create pieces of work in both written and electronic form with the purpose of sharing their work with their peers. The elements of writing including grammar, spelling and vocabulary will continue to be explored through Writer's Workshop. Throughout the term, students will also create a newspaper article to put into the school's time capsule.



### Speaking and Listening

Speaking and listening are necessary for effective communication. Students will have the opportunity to explore and practice important skills that include the ability to share and clarify their ideas depending on the context and purpose, eg. entertaining, informing and/or influencing others. They will also explore and develop the spoken language features such as pace, pitch and pronunciation to enhance meaning. Students will do this through class discussions, circle time, presentations and a variety of other class, unit and whole school activities as well as opportunities that may arise during the term.

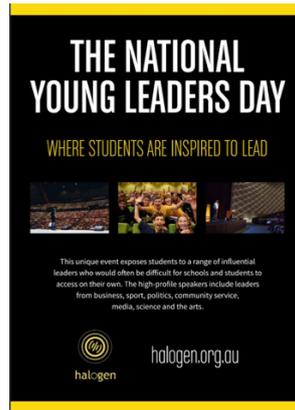
## VALUES

*Your past is not your potential. In any hour, you can choose to liberate your future!*

This term students will be developing an understanding of connectedness, endeavour and goal setting through the explicit teaching of values. Students will discuss their ideas and strategies and share their thoughts and insights in circle time. Our focus for the term is on *endeavour, which is a great way to start the year.*

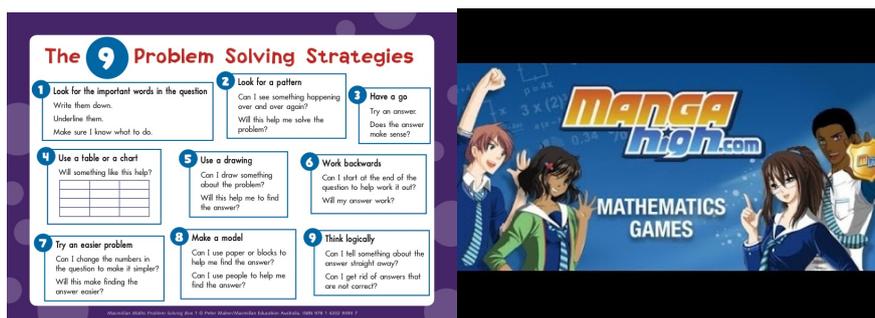
## YOUNG LEADERS DAY 2018

Halogen gathers together prominent leaders from all walks of life to be part of The National Young Leaders Day. Each session will have one or two speakers, question times, short videos, learning exercises, student involvement, music and student interaction.



## MATHEMATICS

Students will be developing their skills in fluency and understanding, problem solving and reasoning. They will be extending their knowledge of the place value of numbers from four digits up to seven digits, including decimal numbers. Students will work on skills to help their understanding such as partitioning, rounding and estimating, as well as developing efficient counting tools. They will work on solving real life worded problems as well as open ended problems. Students will further their understandings of angles and two and three dimensional shapes including making models. Students will also work on collecting interpreting and organising data. Digital technologies will also be incorporated in their study of maths. In 2018 Coburg West has a whole school focus on problem solving to assist students in developing their mathematical thinking, reasoning and understanding, and in being able to articulate that understanding to encourage rich student discussion. Manga High is an educational and highly engaging maths site designed with an understanding of neuroscience. As your child plays the game it is modified based on their performance, ie; it gets harder or easier. Manga High will be used in class at teacher discretion and for weekly home learning. (See below in home learning section) Every student has their own login details (username and password) which they have written in their student diary. Teachers will assign tasks individually in line with focus area in class. Students can also brows the site and choose activities in areas where they want to improve their skills. Points are accumulated and students can earn points which are tallied across each class, the cohort, the school and against other schools (some overseas). Students can participate in 'fai to's' which are challenges against other schools set by teachers.



## HOME LEARNING

Each week students will be expected to read a take home book (this text can be chosen from a variety of books at school or it may be from the student's personal collection or local library), practise their times tables, learn spelling words and in addition complete a task as directed by the teacher. The tasks can vary from week to week and can include hands on experiences such as construction, completing worksheets or investigating inquiry topics and creating projects. If you have any questions about homework, refer to the homework guidelines or speak to your child's classroom teacher.

\*Home Learning will be uploaded to the school website on the 5/6 blog every week. A hard copy is available from your class teacher on request. Maths homework will be assigned to each student individually on the Manga High website. Every student has their own login details (username and password) which they have written in their student diary. Students will be assigned 3 tasks at 3 difficulty levels, in line with the subject/area we are focusing on in class. They can attempt 1, 2 or all 3. Students are encouraged to use the Manga High site to consolidate skills through practice in either games or prodigy challenges.

Nightly reading is encouraged and students are expected to write the book title and pages read each night in their diary. Parents are asked to sign off on this. When students are unable to read because of extra - curricular activities such as sporting commitments we ask that this information is noted in the diary and that students attempt to read for a little longer on another night. For example; dancing 2 hours so no reading on Tuesday, reading 20 minutes on Wednesday. Please ensure that the diary is returned to school daily for teachers to check and to assist your child in becoming more responsible for their own learning.

## INQUIRY

This term our Inquiry unit focuses on a Humanities topic titled, '**If at first you don't succeed, try, try again**'. Students will learn how Australia's development has been enhanced by the contributions of many notable people throughout its history. People have become famous in fields such as sport, exploration, the arts, entertainment, literature, politics, science and inventions. Significant global developments and contributions in a variety fields have originated in Australia. Colourful characters, infamous villains and people of many cultural backgrounds have all helped to shape the Australian identity.



**This unit of work is integrated with our values topic for term one. It is important and relevant for our students to understand that:**

1. Through personal endeavour we can achieve success.
2. Failure creates opportunities to achieve.

**The key concepts that link to this topic are:**

1. Endeavour
2. Success

Students will work on an individual poster and oral presentation on their chosen Australian. This presentation should also reflect the degree of endeavour applied and why this value was important in their chosen Australians' life.

## **SPORT**

Grade 5s will be playing a variety of sports in rotations, with new sports every three weeks. Grade 6s will be competing in Interschool Sport, playing Bat tennis, Basketball and Softball.

## **GRADE 5 HOUSE CAPTAINS**

Congratulations to the Grade 5 House Captains for 2018! We know you will be great leaders.

**GOLD:** Anton G 56Q, Charlie L 56B  
56M

**RED:** Coen V 56E, Lucinda C

**BLUE:** Samuel L 56M, Adele T 56Q

**GREEN:** Ilija V 56Q, Lily B 56Q

The house captains will be responsible for running Friday sport sessions with the teachers, including setting up sporting equipment, organising other students and collecting scores and gear at the end. They will also be required to collect house points awarded by teachers in their classrooms every week across the whole school, and periodically speak at

## **2018 SSV COBURG DISTRICT PROGRAM OUTLINE**

### **Term 1**

#### **SSV Coburg District Summer Sport Competitions**

Friday February 23	Round 1	Week 4
Friday March 2	Round 2	Week 5
Friday March 9	Round 3	Week 6
Friday March 16	Round 4	Week 7
Friday March 23	Round 5	Week 8
Friday March 30		Week 9

*\*Games: Boys/Mixed Softball, Girls Softball, Boys/Mixed Bat Tennis, Girls Bat Tennis, Boys/Mixed Basketball & Girls Basketball*

Games commence: 11.30am

Games conclude: 1.00pm

AIA: Games commence at 9.30am & conclude at 11.00am

Coburg: Games commence at 11.45am & conclude at 1.15pm

Friday 16 Feb **SSV Coburg District Swimming Trials**

Monday 19 Feb or Tuesday 27 Feb **SSV Coburg District Tennis Championships (TBC)**

## **2018 SSV COBURG DISTRICT PROGRAM OUTLINE**

### **Term 2**

#### **SSV Coburg District Winter Sport Competitions**

Friday May 4	Round 1	Week 3
Friday May 11	Round 2	Week 4
Friday May 18	Round 3	Week 5
Friday May 25	Round 4	Week 6
Friday June 1	Round 5	Week 7
Friday June 8 (report writing)	Round 6	Week 8
Friday June 15	Make -up	Week 9
Friday June 22	Finals	Week 10

**Games:** Boys/Mixed Football, Boys/Mixed Soccer, Girls Soccer, Boys/Mixed Netball & Girls Netball

Games commence: 11.30am

Games conclude: 1.00pm

AIA: Games commence at 9.30am & conclude at 11.00am

Coburg: Games commence at 11.45am & conclude at 1.15pm

Thursday 24 May

#### **SSV Coburg District Cross Country Championships**

Harold Stevens Reserve (Coburg Athletics Track) Outlook Road, Coburg.

Tuesday 29 May

#### **SSV Coburg District Cross Country Championships Back-up day**

### **Term 3**

Wednesday 29 August

#### **SSV Coburg District Athletics Championships**

Harold Stevens Reserve (Coburg Athletics Track) Outlook Road, Coburg.

Wednesday 5 September

#### **SSV Coburg District Athletics Championships Back-up day**

Harold Stevens Reserve (Coburg Athletics Track) Outlook Road, Coburg.

### **Term 4**

Friday 19 October 2018

#### **SSV Coburg District T20 Blast Cricket Day**

Cole Reserve, Cumberland Road, Pascoe Vale

## **DIVISION, REGION & STATE EVENTS & DATES 2018**

Wednesday March 7	Division Swimming Championships
Wednesday March 14	Region Swimming Championships
Wednesday April 18	State Swimming Championships
Friday March 9	Division Tennis Championships
Monday March 19	Region Tennis Championships
Friday June 1	State Tennis Championships
Tuesday June 12	
Or Wednesday June 13	Division Cross Country Championships
Tuesday June 19	Region Cross Country Championships
Thursday July 19	State Cross Country Championships
Wednesday Oct 10	Division Athletics Championships
Tuesday Oct 16	Region Athletics Championships
Monday Oct 29	State Athletics Championship

## **COBURG DISTRICT**

### **INTERSCHOOL SPORT SUMMER FIXTURE 2018** (see next page)

#### **DIVISION 1**

**PASCOE VALE  
VALE SOUTH**

**COBURG WEST PASCOE VALE NORTH**

**ST OLIVERS**

**PASCOE**

**\*FIRST NAMED TEAM IS THE HOME TEAM.**

ROUND	DATE		BAT TENNIS	SOFTBALL	BASKETBALL
1	FRIDAY 23 FEB	PASCOE VALE V ST OLIVERS  COBURG WEST V PASCOE VALE NORTH  <b>BYE: PASCOE VALE SOUTH</b>	SCHOOL  SCHOOL	SCHOOL  SHORE RESERVE	SCHOOL  SCHOOL
2	FRIDAY 2 MAR	PASCOE VALE NORTH V PASCOE VALE  ST OLIVERS V PASCOE VALE SOUTH  <b>BYE: COBURG WEST</b>	SCHOOL  SCHOOL	SCHOOL  RAEBURN RESERVE	SCHOOL  SCHOOL
3	FRIDAY 9 MAR	PASCOE VALE SOUTH V PASCOE VALE NORTH  PASCOE VALE V COBURG WEST  <b>BYE: ST OLIVERS</b>	SCHOOL  SCHOOL	SCHOOL  SCHOOL	SCHOOL  SCHOOL
4	FRIDAY 16 MAR	COBURG WEST V PASCOE VALE SOUTH  PASCOE VALE NORTH V ST OLIVERS  <b>BYE: PASCOE VALE</b>	SCHOOL  SCHOOL	SHORE RESERVE  SCHOOL	SCHOOL  SCHOOL
5	FRIDAY 23 MAR	ST OLIVERS V COBURG WEST  PASCOE VALE SOUTH V PASCOE VALE  <b>BYE: PASCOE VALE NORTH</b>	SCHOOL  SCHOOL	RAEBURN RESERVE  SCHOOL	SCHOOL  SCHOOL
	FRIDAY 30 MAR				
FINALS	TERM 3: TBA				