

Year 5 Class Newsletter

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to 2021! This newsletter has been designed for you to keep and use as a reference throughout the year.

In Year 5, we have many interesting topics to explore in class this year and we know your child will benefit from the variety of ways in which lessons are presented. We hold high expectations of each student and encourage them to challenge themselves at all times. We welcome input from parents and encourage you to become involved in your child's learning this year.

We hope you find this newsletter useful.
If you have any questions or comments throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations.

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Music Teachers - Mrs Annette Harding, Band - Mrs Wheeler

PE Teacher & Health - Mr Daniel Kutcher

LOTE Teacher - Mrs Noriko Chantrill

Science - Mrs Charlotte Young

Important messages

School and Bell Times:

8:20 - Reading Time
8:30 - School Starts
10:30 - Eating Time
10:40 - Play Time 11:00
- Second Session 1:00
- Eating Time
1:10 - Play Time
1:35 - Last Session
2:35 - School finishes.

Bring Your Own Laptop

All students in Year 4-6 will again have the opportunity to bring a laptop to school to enhance their learning in the classroom. The BYO Laptop program will one more give your child the opportunities to work collaboratively with other students and receive learning feedback from teachers through OneNote or Blackboard eLearn. Students will engage in deeper, real-world learning experiences incorporating coding, robotics, drones and other STEM skills.

Please follow the link below for more information:

<https://pimpamass.eq.edu.au/curriculum/bring-your-own-device/laptop-year4-year6>

We are looking forward to using laptops in the classroom to make learning more interesting.

Absenteeism - Same Day Student Absence Notification Policy

Pimpama State School has implemented the same day student notification through a company called MGM. This will mean that the parent listed first on our OneSchool system will receive a text message asking you to contact the school through a SMS (text message) or phone call if your child's absence is UNEXPLAINED. To report your child's absence before or on the day please call 55494 333 (press 1) or email office@pimpamass.eq.edu.au

Early Departure - If you need to collect your child before 2:35pm, first go to the office and sign the early departure register. The office staff will then give you a slip to give to your child's classroom teacher.

Sun Safe Hats - A sun safe Pimpama State School hat needs to be worn at school every day. Please make sure your child's hat is **clearly labelled**.

Healthy Food - We would like to encourage students this year to eat healthy lunches of fruit/vegetables, dairy and sandwiches with just one snack. 'A healthy lunch means a healthy mind'.

Library borrowing will occur once a week beginning in Week 2. Please ensure books are returned weekly.

Reporting and Parent Teacher Interviews: Parent teacher interviews will be held in week 9 and 10 of Term 1 and 3 so we can discuss how your child is progressing. Report cards will be emailed at the end of Term 2 and 4.

Homework: **Students will complete their homework in One Note.** Children will receive homework every Monday and will have it completed by Friday morning. Homework is the responsibility of the child, as they learn to become more independent and self-reliant. However, your encouragement, support and general interest in their learning is vital for their best learning outcomes.

Homework will consist of:

- Spelling - Learning their spelling words by completing one activity a day.
- Reading and Grammar Tasks
- Maths

Support/Extension: Assigned activities on Reading Eggs, Mathletics and Spellingcity.

On some occasions, students will work on assignments at home. During this time, there will be no set weekly tasks however; students are expected to use this time to work on their assignment. It is an expectation at Pimpama State School that students complete all of their homework to a high standard. More information regarding homework is in your child's homework book.

Behaviour Management Plan: Students in Year 5 will receive their class behaviour plan in week 2. Please spend a few minutes going over this plan with your child. Please sign where indicated and return to school.

Stationery and Supplies: Thank you to all those parents who have supplied all books and stationery requirements, as well as the extras, such as tissues, hand sanitiser, zip lock bags and paper. These will be utilised throughout the year.

Presentation: Our students look extremely smart in their school uniform and all students will be encouraged to take pride in their appearance and only wear the school uniform. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform to school each day, including plain black shoes. Our uniform policy supported by the P&C, endorses all black shoes for our students. The samples below are a clear indication of what is acceptable and unacceptable at Pimpama State School. Thank you for your support in making our great school even better.



In addition, all classes will be focussed on the general presentation of student bookwork (ruled margin, date, title, ruling off, no doodling or ripped pages etc.)

Voluntary Contribution

Our P & C Association endorses a Voluntary Contribution Scheme (VCS) at the rate of \$50 per family per calendar year. These funds are targeted towards Information Communication Technology, helping with the purchase of computers and interactive panels. Your child's student licence for the on-line reading programme-Reading Eggs and mathematics programme-Mathletics is also paid for by this fund. More information can be found in our school newsletter.



Contacting Teachers:

If you have any concerns; write a note, send an e-mail or feel free to make a time to see us.

Please do not hesitate to bring to our attention any problems your child is having, it is important that these are addressed quickly.

We are looking forward to a rewarding and exciting year with both you and your child in Year 5.

Kind regards,
Mrs Monika Lashand, Mrs Denise Sheehan,
Mr Alan Junor and Mr Wade Marks



Behaviour Management Plan for Year 5 - 2021

In Year 5, we believe that students and teachers have the right:

to feel safe

to feel valued and respected

to teach and learn to the best of their ability

To allow everybody to achieve these basic rights, we need to follow our school code of conduct and the seven values that underpin it.

Pimpama Values

1. Pride
2. Integrity
3. Manners
4. Partnerships
5. Acceptance
6. Morality
7. Accountability

Learning and Behaviour Expectations

The following are student expectations for both the classroom and school grounds:

- * behave in a responsible and respectful manner
- * take responsibility for own behaviour and learning
- * learn to the best of your ability
- * be an active participant in the school's educational programme
- * value and respect all school community members
- * value and respect all school community property

This year our focus will be on encouraging and rewarding positive behaviours. We will be implementing a variety of classroom reward strategies, as well as these listed below.

Rewarding Positive Behaviours

At Pimpama State School, students who display continual positive behaviour will receive a Bronze Award. Five Bronze Awards entitles the students to a Silver Award. After fifteen Bronze Awards and two Silver Awards, students receive a Gold Award on parade.

Student of the Week – Presented weekly by one of the Administration staff. This award is given to a student who has demonstrated the values of Pimpama State School (Pride, Integrity, Manners, Partnership, Acceptance, Morality, and Accountability).



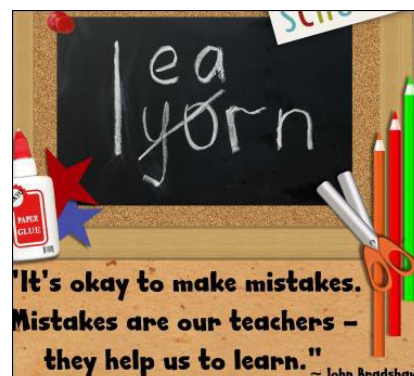
SMARTS Award - Presented at parade on Wednesday mornings.

Other Awards: Excellence Award, Attendance Award, Pimpama Values Award, Handwriting Award, Sports Star of the week, Digital Dynamo, Music Maestro Award, Design Technology Award, Japanese Language Award.

We also need to implement the responsible behaviour plan for those few students who have difficulty following our behaviour and learning expectations.

- Step 1 - First warning X
- Step 2 - Second warning XX
- Step 3 - Time out in classroom
- Step 4 - Lunchtime detention
- Step 5 - School-Planning Room

For any serious behaviours, students will be referred directly to the Management Team and an interview with parents may be required.



This behaviour plan has been explained to your child, but we would greatly appreciate you discussing it further to ensure your child's understanding of our school and classroom expectations.

Communication is vital, and should problems arise at home that may impact negatively on your child's behaviour, we would appreciate some notification, so that we can be more understanding and supportive.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to discuss these with us or you can write a comment in the space provided.

As parents, your role in your child's education is valuable and we therefore greatly appreciate your time, effort and support. Please sign the return slip below and return to the classroom teacher by Friday 5th February, 2021.

Kind regards,

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I _____ (Parent) have read the Year Five Management Plan and have discussed it with my child _____.

Signed Date.....

Any Comments.....