

# Year 5 Newsletter

## Term 1



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### Welcome to 2025!

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.

### Bell Times

8:20 – Reading Time  
8:30 – School Starts  
10:30 – Eating Time  
10:45 – Play Time  
11:05 – Second Session  
1:05 - Eating Time  
1:20 – Play Time  
1:45 – Last Session  
2:35 – School finishes

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### Late Arrival and Early Departure

If your child has arrived after 8.30am and needs to be collected before 2.35pm please sign your child in/out at the front office.

### Absenteeism

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](mailto:office@pimpamass.eq.edu.au)

### Bring Your Own Laptop

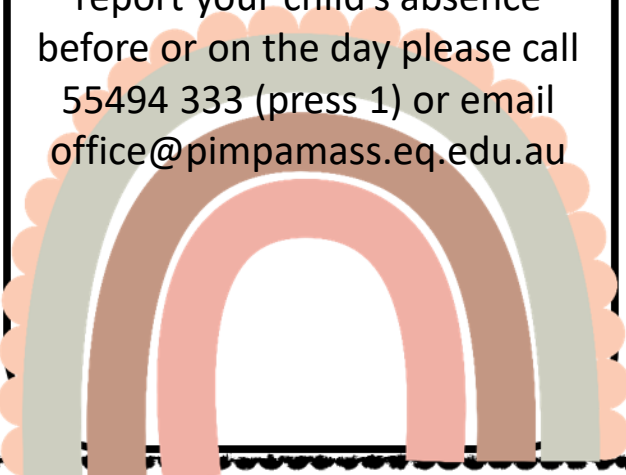
All students in Year 4-6 will have the opportunity to bring a laptop to school to enhance their learning in the classroom. The BYO Laptop program will once more give your child the opportunities to work collaboratively with other students and receive learning feedback from teachers through OneNote. Students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

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

### Homework

Students will complete their homework on One Note or in their homework book. Children will receive homework every Monday and will need 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, Reading and Maths.



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### Positive Behaviour

At Pimpama State School, students who display continual positive behaviour will receive a stamp at the end of each week. At fifteen stamps students achieve a Bronze Award. Ten additional stamps entitles the students to a Silver Award. After another ten stamps, students receive a Gold Award on parade.

### BEFORE SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

#### YEAR 3-6

Students should not arrive to school before 8:00am as there is no supervision prior to this time. If for any reason your child is at school before 8:00am, they must sit quietly in **Sandstone Ridge** (located near the library). We ask that students keep their school bag with them as they arrive to these areas, and not drop them off at classrooms prior.

At 8:00am, a duty teacher will escort students to their correct areas:

- Year 5 and Year 6 - Observatory (new undercover area)



### Dates To Remember!

31<sup>st</sup> January - Whole School Parade  
3<sup>rd</sup> February – BYO Laptops Start  
14<sup>th</sup> February – Senior School Parade  
17<sup>th</sup> February P&C Meeting at 6pm  
28<sup>th</sup> February – Senior School Parade  
28<sup>th</sup> February – Clean Up Australia Day  
TBC – Active School Travel Breakfast  
3<sup>rd</sup> March to 14<sup>th</sup> March - Book Fair  
3<sup>rd</sup> March to 21<sup>st</sup> March - Life Education  
14<sup>th</sup> March - Cross Country  
17<sup>th</sup> March - P&C Meeting at 6pm  
21<sup>st</sup> March – Senior School Parade  
12<sup>th</sup> March to 24<sup>th</sup> March – NAPLAN Online  
24<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> April - Parent Teacher Interviews  
20<sup>th</sup> March - Senior School Parade  
28<sup>th</sup> March - Whole School Parade  
4<sup>th</sup> April – Last Day of Term 1

**SMARTS Awards** - Presented at parade on Friday mornings.

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

### 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).

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### 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.

### 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.

### The Curriculum

English – Persuasive and narrative

Maths – Number, rounding, place value, area, perimeter, fractions, decimals and graphs

HASS – Geography, map skills

Coding- LAN Network and its purpose

Health – Emotions and values

Science – Light

The Arts – Visual art techniques

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.

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