



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4, a busy and entertaining term to finish the year.

In Term 4, Year 5/6 **Inquiry** learning will be known as **'I' Time**. 'I' Time will be independent inquiry time that allows students to follow their own pathway of interest or passion. Students will have opportunities to stretch their thinking, follow their curiosity and extend their knowledge. All of their 'passion projects' will be on display at the **Learning Showcase** on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2:30 – 3:15pm in the school hall.

**Science** learning will be exploring various aspects of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and will have a strong focus on Science inquiry skills, thinking creatively and teamwork.

This term we will begin to use **'Smiling Minds'** – a very effective program for helping with mindfulness and wellbeing. 'Smiling Minds' is great for all people including school children, teachers and parents. 'Smiling Minds' has a range of learning tasks that fit into our school's Wellbeing curriculum and it has a free app that could be used at home. If you'd like to have a look, this link has a short introductory clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sceq4mtZhjl> or have a look at the 'Smiling Minds' website.

**Home Learning** expectations remain the same as last term. Students are expected to practise spelling words and revise Maths skills each week, as well as daily reading for at least 15mins which should be recorded on a reading log. Home Learning is to be submitted by Friday every week. The Home Learning schedule is attached to this newsletter.

There is no Interschool Sport in Term 4 so Year 3-6 will be involved in training sessions to develop their skills for a range of sports. These students will need their school hat, runners and a water bottle for Friday mornings.

We are all getting very excited about our **camp to Phillip Island, 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October**. It is very important for students to **pack their bags according to the list of suggested items**. These were handed out late in Term 3. All students are required to bring a pillow, pillow case and sleeping bag. Please remember to pack sunscreen as the weather can become quite hot and sunny in late October. For students who require medication, parents must present the medication with clear instructions in writing, to the first aid teacher on the morning of the camp.

Term 4 is a **SunSmart** term so **all students must wear a school hat** for all outdoor activities. Students without a hat will not be able to participate in outdoor activities, which includes outside PE classes. Students without a hat will have to sit in the designated shade area during recess and lunch breaks.

To prepare for 2019, Year 5 students will participate in a **Transition morning** on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. They will spend the morning with their new teacher and class for 2019. Students will bring home a notice on this day to inform parents of their child's 2019 teacher and classroom. Year 6 students will attend an Orientation Day at their secondary school on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Please read the attached **Events Planner** for all events 5/6 students will be involved in this term.

We hope that Term 4 is a special one for our Year 6 students as they finish their primary school journey. Year 6s will be involved in rehearsals for their **Graduation** ceremony which will be in the school hall on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm.

If you would like to discuss any issue, please make a time to see your child's teacher.

Kind Regards,

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**Attachments:**

- Term 4 2018 5/6 Events planner
- Term 4 Home Learning Schedule
- Specialist newsletter

	5/6SW	5/6RK
<b>MON</b>	Library 2:30-3:30	Art 1:30-2:30 Library 11:30 – 12:30
<b>TUES</b>	MPS 10:00-11:00 Art 11:30-12:30 PE & teamwork activities 2:30-3:30	MPS 10:00-11:00 PE & teamwork activities 2:30-3:30
<b>WED</b>	Music 1:30-2:30	Music 10:00-11:00
<b>THUR</b>	LOTE Italian 10:00-11:00 PE 11:30-12:30 Digital Investigation 2:30-3:30	PE 10:00-11:00 LOTE Italian 11:30-12:30 Digital Investigation 1:30-2:30
<b>FRI</b>	Sport training 9:00-11:00	Sport training 9:00-11:00

## Year 5/6 Events Planner Term 4, 2018

EXCURSION/EVENT	VENUE	DATE/TIME	COST	PERMISSION NOTE REQUIRED
<b>Year 5 Leadership Program</b>	Edmund Rice Conference Centre at Amberley, Lower Plenty	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October, 9:15am – 2:45pm	No	Yes, returned in Term 3
<b>Whole School Italian Day</b>	Watsonia PS	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	\$10.00	Yes, due 22 <sup>nd</sup> October
<b>Year 3-6 Camp</b>	Phillip Island Adventure Resort	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October, arrive at school by 8:30am Return to school Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Paid in term 3	Yes, returned in Term 3
<b>Pupil Free Day</b>	Students not to attend school on this day	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	No	No
<b>Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday</b>	Students not to attend school on this day	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	No	No
<b>'My Idol' dress up day – Yr 6 fundraiser</b> Come dressed as your idol or hero.	Watsonia PS	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Gold coin donation	No
<b>Choir to perform at Watsonia Library</b>	Watsonia Library	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	No	No
<b>Year 5/6 Learning Showcase</b>	Watsonia PS Hall	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December, 2:30 – 3:15pm	No	No
<b>Year 6 Orientation Day</b>	Local secondary schools	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	No	No
<b>Whole School Christmas Concert</b>	Watsonia PS Hall	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 6:00pm – 7:30pm	No	No
<b>Parent Helpers Morning Tea</b> - Invitations to thank those parents who have helped in the school throughout the year.	Watsonia PS Hall	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December, 11:00am	No	Invitations will come home with a reply slip to indicate your attendance
<b>Year 6 Graduation ceremony</b>	Watsonia PS	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December, 7:30pm	No	Yes, attendance by RSVP due 30 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>December Student Reports available on Compass</b>	Compass	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	No	No
<b>Whole School Transition Day</b> Students spend the morning with their 2019 class and teacher. Letter at the end of the day to inform parents of child's 2019 class.	Watsonia PS	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December, 9:00am – 12:30pm	No	No
<b>Last day of Term 4</b>	Watsonia PS	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December, early dismissal 1.30pm	No	No

# HOMework

## IN OUR CLASS

Home learning is handed out on a Monday and is due every Friday. If you have any questions, ask early in the week. You will be required to complete the following tasks for home learning each week: Spelling (choose a spelling activity to help you practise your spelling words), Reading (at least 15 minutes, record in reading log with parents signature) and Maths revision.

In addition, try and log on to Mathletics and Reading Eggs once a week.

### Maths Revision

Odd Weeks (1,3,5,7,9): Practise multiplication facts of your choice

Week 2:  $34 \times 21$   
 $56 \times 98$   
 $67 \times 73$   
 $49 \times 21$

Week 4:  $543 \div 2$   
 $987 \div 4$   
 $321 \div 6$   
 $755 \div 31$

Week 6: List the factors of  
6, 32, 144, 65, 80

Week 8:  $54 \times 100$   
 $6.8 \times 10$   
 $78.9 \div 100$   
 $872.9 \div 10$

### Spelling Activities

Break each of your spelling words up into syllables.

On a sheet of paper, write your spelling words in different directions, filling up the whole sheet. Use different colours and types of writing for each word.

Write a tongue twister for each of your spelling words.

Write your spelling words once with your left hand and once with your right hand.

### Apps for Home



### Spelling Activities

Create a code for the alphabet, write your spelling words using your code.

Write a synonym and antonym for each of your spelling words.

Write your each spelling word in a meaningful sentence.

