

5/6B & 5/6CL CLASS NEWSLETTER – Term 1 2021

WELCOME

Welcome back to a new and exciting year at Cudgen Public School. This year, the Stage 3 teaching team includes **Dane Baxter** in 5/6B and **Rod Cornelius** and **Elisa Laurie** combining to work in 5/6CL.

We are of course also extremely lucky to have the services of **Tanya** assisting in both rooms at certain times and **Tina** is always close by as well.

We have most likely met most of you over the last few years, but if we haven't, we look forward to catching up with you where possible.

CLASS DOJO

As most of you will be aware, one of our class and school communication platforms is called **Class Dojo**.

It is a fantastic way to receive **reminders** about events, allows us to post **updates**, share **photos** and video, or send **private messages** to keep you in the loop about what is happening in the classroom or at our wonderful school.

We have created new classes for 2021 and all students were added from their previous class. For parents or carers this should make for a seamless transition and no new logins or downloading should be required.

Please leave a message with the office if you are having difficulty and it will be passed on to the classroom teacher so they can add you if required.

TIMETABLE AND ROUTINES

Our class routines and timetable will begin in Week 3 after using the first week to settle into our learning, complete some testing and get to know each other.

Students are becoming aware of the **high expectations** we set in and out of the classroom. This includes showing **pride** in our work and playground, **respect** of property and opinions and being **kind** and **supportive** of each other if we ever need help.

Our timetable includes:

- **Library**
 - 5/6B Mon @ 9am and 5/6CL Tue @ 2pm
- **Music**
 - 5/6B Mon @ 10am and 5/6CL Mon @ 12pm

We are also aiming to **open the doors** between classrooms this year and work together as a Stage more frequently in subjects such as Science, Geography, Art and PDHPE.

PARENT-TEACHER AFTERNOON

Information will be sent home soon about our **Stage 3 Parent-Teacher Afternoon on Thursday 18th February (Week 4) at 3.45pm** in the 5/6 classrooms. It will be a combined meeting and will run for around 30-40mins.

HOMEWORK

Students will receive **Homework on a Monday** that will need to be **returned each Friday**. In Term 1, it will consist of an **English and Maths** worksheet. If students are encountering any problems or help with certain questions, they are encouraged to ask a parent for help or bring it in to their classroom teacher for assistance.



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READING

Students are encouraged to **borrow 1-2 books each week** during Library. One will stay at school for quiet reading time and the other should be taken home to read.

The value of reading can't be understated and we hope that parents and carers will encourage their children whenever they can.

ABSENCES

Just a reminder that if your child is absent from school, **a note must follow within a few days** of returning to explain the absence – this includes arriving late or leaving early. The office staff and myself thank you in advance!

CAMP

We have been enquiring about destinations for our **Year 5/6 Camp** and are waiting to hear back from a few providers.

We are aiming to have the camp at a **Sport and Recreation facility** over two nights and three days so that students can be active, conquer some fears, gain some independence and be part of team-building activities with their peers.

It will most likely **take place in Term 4** so that there will be plenty of notice in regards to cost and planning.



Y6 SHIRTS

At the end of last year, Year 5 students voted and chose the design for our **2021 Year 6 School Polo Shirts**. We will send a note home soon in regards to cost, quantity required and to confirm sizes (we have sample sizes that students will try on over the next week).

With any luck, we can finalise the order and have them produced and delivered before the end of Term 1.



CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS?

If you have any concerns or information that will assist us when working with your child, please send a private message through Class Dojo so that we can communicate through the message function or arrange a time to meet face-to-face.

We are excited for a great year with the amazing students in Year 5/6 at Cudgen PS in 2021 and look forward to the learning and fun that is to come.

Regards,

Dane Baxter, Rod Cornelius and Elisa Laurie
5/6 Teachers

Renee Beach
Principal