Dear Year 6 Parents/Caregivers,

Already term 4 is filling up fast and going to be a very busy term. It is also a very significant term for Year 6. Not only do they have camp and graduation to look forward to but it’s also their final term ever of primary school. For some students this can be unsettling. Alongside the excitement of secondary school, there is a realisation of significant change: new friendship groups, friendship groups ending, new teachers, new school environments, new rules and expectations to learn.

To help our students prepare for these changes we will be having several sessions with Hugh van Cuylenburg, from The Resilience Project. He will be teaching our students specific strategies to develop resilience, an important element for coping with change.

If your child is overly anxious or seems worried about next year, we are happy to meet and talk through any questions you have.

Kind regards,
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ENGLISH

Students started the term with a project to write a narrative in the style of a memoir or nonfiction short story, which has to be presented as a digital ‘talking’ book to their Prep buddy. This story aims to teach junior students about social justice concepts in Australian history in the 20th century and practise oral presentation skills. Later in the term, in conjunction with our science focus, students will be developing essay writing skills, in the form of information reports and opinion editorials.

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**MATHEMATICS**
The new AusVELS curriculum is split into 3 strands. Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability. This term specific focus will be on:
- Prime, composite, square and triangular numbers
- Multiplying and dividing by powers of 10
- Exploring order of operations and using brackets (BODMAS)
- Recognise and solve problems involving ratios
- Interpret and use a range of timetables

*Please remember Mathletics homework is ongoing throughout the term. Please spend some time with your child on Mathletics to ensure they are on track. Continual revision of Maths concepts is important to ongoing learning and consolidation.*

**INTEGRATED STUDIES**
The focus this term is science, an inquiry into how the function of living and non-living things rely on scientific systems and concepts of physics, biology and chemistry. We have organised several science incursions this term where students will gain practice conducting a wide range of experiments. Students will also be required to establish and test a scientific hypothesis.

**Drug education**
Biology also incorporates a unit on drug education. The purpose of this unit is to provide students with accurate information about drugs and drug use. Students will learn safety messages about medicines and develop skills they need to stay safe around drugs such as alcohol and tobacco. A visiting speaker from the Salvation Army has been organised to support this program.

**Careers Week**
November 25th-29th, Year 6 will participate in a Careers Week, "Learn to Earn". This week will help students develop ideas for their future and why people work. Students will consider their own values and attitudes and listen to speakers talk about a range of careers, including journalist, Mike Larkan, from Channel 10. Look out for Kew PS on Channels 10's weather report this week!
Ambassadors will be sending an invite to parents to speak during Careers Week. We would love you to join us as a guest speak during this event!

**PORTSEA CAMP**
We are looking forward very much to camp. It is a very important learning experience in our curriculum and students are expected to attend. A lot of planning and care goes into ensuring all students gain the most out of the experience. If you have any concerns please speak to one of the Year 6 teachers or Robin Grace.

**GRADUATION**
Graduation for Year 6 is on the last Monday of term. Students will have a dinner at school with their teachers, followed by a ceremony for parents to attend. More details will be sent home.
closer to the date. If you are interested in helping to organise the dinner please speak to Sia Asvestas (Nathan and John’s mum).