



5/6 Unit Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 5/6 Unit. This year promises to be another exciting year!!! Students have made a terrific start to the year, getting to know everyone and building a positive, caring classroom environment. We are a revamped unit and welcome two new faces; Miss Elyse Carter (6C) and Miss Maddy Mayne (6M). Mr. Tim Kerridge (5K) and Mrs. Sarah Crisp are again apart of the team. Mr. Joe Cavallo is Coordinator of the Unit and he is team teaching across all the classes throughout the day.

Miss Elyse Carter

Hi, my name is Elyse Carter and I am thrilled to be your child's Grade 6 teacher. I have the honour of guiding him/her through their last year of Primary school. I graduated from La Trobe University last year and have been dreaming about my first classroom and students for YEARS! I am extremely passionate to be on this journey with you both, as I know 6C has a wonderful year of learning, laughter and growth ahead of us. For the past two years I have been fortunate enough to have worked within the Mildura West community as an Educational Support staff member. Through this experience I found a particular passion for teaching middle years education and was lucky enough to have been appointed Grade 6. I love keeping active and all things outdoors; playing netball, skiing and camping is usually where you will find me in my spare time. I am especially excited for the Grade 6 Camp in Melbourne as I also love all things that include adventure and new experiences. I am looking forward to our year together... 2018 is sure to be the best year yet!



Miss Maddy Mayne

Hi, my name is Maddison Mayne and I am super excited to be teaching in Grade 6 this year! 2018 is my graduate year and I am grateful to the Mildura West community for inviting me in and making me feel so welcome. I was born and grew up in Mildura, then went to Adelaide to complete my university studies, however always knew I wanted to return home to teach in the area. I was lucky enough to complete my studies in September 2017 and worked in Term 4 at Werrimull P-12 School. This gave me great experience in planning and teaching in front of a class. I enjoy being active and have a passion for netball and many other sports. I am looking forward to the year to come, getting to know an awesome group of students and families.

2018 School Captains



Hi, my name is Jack Taylor and I am the School Captain for 2018. I am really excited about this year and I will try my hardest. I am looking forward to setting up the assemblies, representing our school at special events and hopefully making the school an all-round better place.

Hi, my name is Miriam Tippett and I am your female School Captain for 2018. I am super excited about this year for so many things, such as our end of year School Concert and the A.N.Z.A.C. Ceremony. This year I hope to improve my leadership skills and make some new positive changes to our school.



Hi, I'm Tom Pratt and I'm the 2018 Vice School Captain. I hope I can make everyone excited to come to school every single day. I'm looking forward to running assemblies and improving my public speaking.

Hello, my name is Summer Roberts and I am your 2018 Female School Vice Captain. I am looking forward to running the assemblies and the end of year concert. This year I hope to improve my leadership skills and continue to be a fantastic role model.



I.B. this term.

This term, we have a very exciting topic that we are going to be learning about. We will look at how 'Mass media influences how we see ourselves and the world around us.' During the unit, students will learn:

What features do we find in mass media?

What lifestyles, values and points of view are represented in; or omitted from messages.

How has a mass media message influenced your choices in the past?

What creative techniques are used to attract and sustain your attention?

Who has constructed the mass media message and why?

In what ways can mass media be interpreted?

How might different people understand a message differently?



Camps



Lake Cullulleraine

It won't be long until we are jumping on the bus to head away to Lake Cullulleraine for our wonderful Grade 5 camp! A fantastic educational and fun-filled trip has been organised for Monday 26th March – Thursday 29th March. We are all looking forward to our 4 days of outdoor adventures. Don't forget to get those medical forms and money returned back to school A.S.A.P.

Melbourne

An exciting educational camp has been planned for Year 6 in Melbourne later in the year. It will be from the 17th – 21st September, which is the last week of Term 3. We will be visiting many places of interest, including The Zoo, Science Works, Eureka Skydeck and The Shrine. It will be lots of fun and many students will have new experiences. Further information will be sent home shortly.



Have You heard the News?

Compass

Once again this year we will be continuing to do our reporting online via Compass. We are encouraging you to regularly login to check your child's learning. Your username and password is the same as last year. If you have misplaced your password, please contact Darrel Branson.

On average there will be 3 Common Assessment Tasks (CAT's) uploaded each term. Keep an eye out for your child's latest learning.... COMING SOON!!

Student Voice

Student Leadership is a very important part of our school. Students having their say and putting their ideas into action is actively encouraged.

There are many opportunities and a wide variety of Leadership Roles:

Student Leadership Team [School Captains/Vice and SRC President/Vice], SRC, RREP Leaders, House Captains, Environmental Leaders, Sustainability Ambassadors and the Tech Team. Each of these teams has an expected role.

During Week 3 and Week 4 elections will be taking place in classrooms for the various leadership roles.

There are many students prepared to 'have a go' and this is very commendable.

Good luck to all the Grade 5 and 6 students that are prepared to make a difference by nominating for a leadership role.



Specialist Teachers

Once again in 2018 Grade 5-6 students will have access to a quality Specialist teaching program where they will have each subject for one hour a week. In terms 1 and 2, students will have ICT and in Terms 3 and 4, students will then have Science. Students will have Art and Physical Education for the entire year. Grade 5 / 6 students will have the following Specialist teachers in 2018:

Physical Education: Mr. David Hall

Art: Mrs. Lisa Saunders

Science: Mrs. Marion Vorwerk (Terms 3 and 4)

ICT: Mr. Darrel Branson (Terms 1 and 2)

Grade 6 Shirts

Students have begun trying on shirts to determine their size. Shirts will be a combination of navy and light blue like last year's. Each student will have their name on the back and the school logo on the front. We hope to have our new shirts by the end of term.



Hats

The only headwear that is acceptable is a Sun Smart hat (broad brimmed) consistent with our Sun Smart policy. Hats must be worn outside throughout the year, except in the winter months. Students who do not have a hat will be required to sit / play in the shade area at the front of the school or in the gym.



Open Door

We have an open door policy at Mildura West. Please feel free to pop in and see the new 5/6 building if you haven't already, or just come in to say hello to your child's teacher. Parents/ Carers are welcome at anytime!



Healthy Lunch Box

It is widely accepted that the adoption of healthy nutritional habits enhances our enjoyment of life and increases our capacity to function at an optimum level throughout the day. Positive attitudes and healthy nutritional practices in the early years also have an important role to play in child development, with continuing benefits into adulthood. We must endeavour to provide a healthy lunch box for our children every day.

Some lunch box suggestions are:

- Sandwiches using wholemeal, multigrain or pita bread with cheese, lean meat, fish, hummus or even a salad.
- Cheese slices, crackers with spread and fresh fruit.
- Washed and cut up raw vegetables or fresh fruits.
- A water bottle.



Contact Us

At West, we consider communication between teachers and parents very important. We request that parents please supply their email address to their child's teacher. It is a great way to inform us of absences and to touch base regarding your child's needs .

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Homework

Formal homework will begin next week. Below are the expectations of your child each week:

Reading

Read independently for 30 minutes each night, recording this in their homework book.

Maths

Practise all times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12

Unfinished Classroom Tasks

Children may need to complete tasks that have not been completed during class time.

PBL (Project Based Learning)

Children may work on their PBL



School Uniform

It has been pleasing to see so many of our Year 5 and 6 students wearing their uniform every day. A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. We encourage every student to be correctly attired in their school uniform each day. Please make sure each item is labelled clearly with your child's name.

Dates to Remember

Interschool sports

- 20th February—Boys Cricket
- 21st February —Girls Cricket
- 27th February—Division Tennis

Parent Teacher Meetings

21st February

Badge Award Assembly

2nd March

School Photos

27th February

Last Day of Term

29th March

Camps

26th-29st March—Year 5 Lake Cullulleraine
 17th—21st September – Year 6 Melbourne

