Dear Families,
This Term Overview provides you with a brief outline of the curriculum the students will be focusing on this term in classroom programs. Other key information and important dates are also included.

TRANSITION

We will run a Secondary School Transition Evening on Wednesday April 27th for the families of our 5&6 students.

Grade 5 and 6 Families
Exploring your options early will give you time to visit different schools, attend information sessions and find a school that meets your child’s needs and aspirations. Please take time now to contact and visit the government and/or non-government schools you are considering. Most secondary schools advertise their select entry criteria and timelines, open days and information evenings on their websites.

Families Of Children In Year 6, 2016
A significant part of the secondary school transition process relies on student address, contact information and phone numbers being accurate. Please contact the school office on 9376 6013 if/when details need updating throughout the year.

INQUIRY

Big Idea: Sudden geological changes or extreme weather conditions can affect Earth’s surface.

Key Understandings:
- Our Earth is constantly changing through natural processes.
- Changes to the Earth are sometimes unavoidable
- The effects of natural hazards impact on the lives of individuals and communities
- We have a responsibility to manage the impact of natural processes

Key Questions:
- How do natural processes impact our Earth’s surface?
- How are people’s lives impacted by natural hazards?
- How can we responsibly manage the impact of natural processes?

Concepts:
Responsibility/change/causation/energy/systems

As an ongoing action from our inquiry into “What makes a great leader?” the students will continue in their leadership roles. The leadership teams are Communication, ICT, Social, Assembly, Peer Support, Environment, Literacy and Student Support Staff.

LITERACY

In Reading we will continue to focus on a daily routine of independent reading at school and at home including written responses. We will continue to develop reading skills that enable us to create and/or identify question/answer relationships. Student ability to comprehend explanation texts will be developed through deconstructing explanations to identify different structural features.

Students will continue to develop their skill in writing narrative and persuasive texts. They will be introduced to how to write an explanation text and how to create scientific diagrams.

Literacy support sessions with Kay will continue throughout term 2 on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

NUMERACY

In Mathematics the focus will be Number and Algebra - addition and subtraction, Measurement and Geometry - location and Statistics and Probability – data.

This will include describing, continuing and creating patterns and using efficient mental and written
strategies to solve problems. We will also be using a grid reference system to describe locations and describing routes using landmarks and directional language. By creating, interpreting and comparing a range of data displays the students will develop their skills and knowledge of Data Representation and Interpretation.

**Specialist Classes**

All students will continue to attend Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Physical Education classes once a week.
Students will also continue to have regular Bounce Back and Library sessions as part of their classroom program

**Some Important Times & Dates**

- Cross Country at Aberfeldie Park: Friday 22 April
- Anzac Day: Monday 25 April
- Curriculum Day: Tuesday 26 April
- Grade 6 – Year 7 Transition Parent Information Session: Wednesday 27 April
- Interschool Sport – North Melbourne: Friday 29 April
- Interschool Sport – Home against Ascot Vale: Friday 6 May
- NAPLAN: 10, 11, 12 May
- Soccer Carnival: Friday 20 May
- Working Bee: Saturday 14 May
- **Grade 6 -7 Transition forms due**
  - Friday, 13 May, 2016
- Cross Country – Divisional: Thursday 26 May
- Education Week: 23-27 May
- Interschool Sport – Home against Moonee Ponds West: Friday 27 May
- Back-up District Soccer Carnival: Wednesday 1 June
- Interschool Sport – St Mary’s: Friday 3 June
- MMT Concert: Sunday 5 June
- Cross Country – Regional: Thursday 9 June
- Interschool Sport – St Margaret’s: Friday 10 June
- Queen’s Birthday: Monday 13 June
- Interschool Sport – Moonee Ponds West: Friday 17 June
- 3 way conferences - All Day (Pupil free day): Monday 20 June 8.30-6pm
- **Last day of term**
  - Friday 24 June finish at 2.30pm

Kind regards,

Hayley, Kim, Rachel & Vivienne

5/6 Team