Dear Parents,
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.

Dear Students and Families,
Welcome to Term 1, this is an exciting time for the grade 5 students who are moving up to the senior area and the grade 6 students who will be enjoying their last year at primary school. As the senior students in the school they are encouraged to be role models for the younger students and act as leaders of the school.


**TRANSITION**

As part of their transition to secondary school in 2017 Grade 6 students will have the opportunity to be helpful and supportive leaders of the KPS primary school community.

As part of identifying as school leaders the Grade 6 students will be offered the opportunity to purchase a Grade 6 ‘hoodie’ incorporating their name. This is an optional purchase. Further information will be communicated about the order process during Term 1.

Information about the transition to Secondary school will be sent home as it becomes available.

We actively encourage Grade 5 families to begin/continue looking at Year 7 schools during Term 1. Most secondary schools will advertise open days and information nights on their websites. Please ask if you require any further information regarding transition.

**INQUIRY**

**Big Idea:** “What makes a great leader?”

**Key Understandings:**
- Leaders throughout time have brought about change in our world and impact on the way we live
- There are certain characteristics that good leaders share
- Many leaders overcome personal hardship in order to improve situations for other people
- There are leaders in every walk of life who come from diverse backgrounds and experiences

**Key Questions:**
- What are the characteristics of good leaders?
- What do good leaders do, and how do they do it?
- What motivates ordinary people to do extraordinary things?
- How can we recognise and use our own leadership skills effectively?

**Concepts:**
Responsibility/change/identity/diversity/systems

As part of this term’s inquiry all 5/6 students will be participating in a program each Friday called ‘Sisters and Brothers’.

“Sisters and Brothers aims to raise awareness and create dialog around race-based discrimination and its harms, and gives students the tools to be active bystanders when they encounter race-based discrimination. The program is implemented by a culturally diverse group of young facilitators who use song writing, body percussion, rapping, singing, beat boxing, theatre and storytelling throughout.”

[http://sistersandbrothersproject.org](http://sistersandbrothersproject.org)
LITERACY

Reading

In Reading the focus will be on establishing good reading habits in the classroom and at home, including record keeping. Students will continue to develop reading comprehension strategies including ‘recalling prior knowledge’, ‘predicting’ and ‘main idea’.

Writing

Students will be developing their persuasive text writing skills and continue to improve their proofreading and editing skills.

Speaking & Listening

Students will also have the opportunity to develop their persuasive skills alongside their speaking and listening by engaging in debate.

NUMERACY

Number

In Mathematics the focus will be Place Value and Measurement and Geometry. Some of the things we will be exploring in Place Value are; using efficient mental and written strategies to solve problems, using estimation, recognising place value beyond hundredths, comparing decimals, understand prime, composite, square and triangular numbers.

In Measurement and Geometry students will be making connections between two dimensional (2D) shapes and three dimensional (3D) objects. They will investigate transformations including translations, reflections, rotations, tessellations and enlarging 2D shapes.

OTHER

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

Sun Smart Term 1

Term 1 requires students to be wearing broad brim hats when outside.

Some Important Times & Dates

- Swimming Trials 9/10 yrs: Friday 5 February — 1:45
- Swimming Trials 11/12 yrs: Friday 12 February — 1:45
- Swimming Trial, selected: Friday 19 February — 1:45
- District Swimming Carnival: Friday 26 February
- 3-Way Conferences: Thursday 25 February 2:00 – 6:00
- 3-Way Conferences: Tuesday 1 March 3:45 – 6:00
- School Photos: Tuesday 22 March
- Term End: Thursday 24 March

Kind regards,

Hayley, Kim, Rachel & Vivienne

5/6 Team