

ALEXANDRIA PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term One. This note contains information for the students and families of 6F.

It has been so wonderful to see all the students again and get straight back into learning. This year we will have a focus on building independent learning skills, which will be built through learning contracts and Genius Hour projects. In the lead up to the Selective High School Placement Test, students will complete practice tests, including a day that will mimic test conditions. The point of this exercise is to prepare students for the exam environment. Students will also be learning mindfulness skills to assist them to manage their feelings and focus. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact me to set up a time for a meeting.

Class Organisation

- 5/6O David Olsen (Assistant Principal - Curriculum), Lucy Jillings (Thursdays only)
- 5/6B Ros Broonfield, Lucy Jillings (Fridays only)
- 6F Gabrielle Friedlander
- 5O Sarah Ouk
- 5/6S Joy Smith (Assistant Principal - Wellbeing)
- 5/6A Lynette Allen

Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI DAY
9:00	English	P.E	English	Library <i>Ms Ruschen</i>	English
10:00				Music <i>Mr Whipp</i>	
11:00	Lunch				
11:50	Maths	Maths	Visual arts	P.D.H	Maths
12:50	Science and Technology	Enrichment	Maths	History	Buddies
1:50	Recess				
2:15-3:00	Science and Technology	P.B.L.circles	SRE/SEE	History	Assembly/ Spelling test

Curriculum

This table provides an overview of key topic areas for the term

Key Learning Area	Topics/ Strands	Content Covered
English	Travel and tourism (persuasive texts)	Students will compose, edit and present well-structured and coherent texts using persuasive devices. They will create a digital text based on a travel destination, experimenting with persuasive language, design, layout and graphics.
	Debating	Students will learn to communicate effectively, and experiment with ways to strengthen an argument in order to entertain and persuade the audience.
Mathematics	Working Mathematically	Students will learn how to describe and represent mathematical situations in a variety of ways using mathematical terminology and some conventions.
	Whole Number	Students will order, read and represent integers of any size and describe the properties of whole numbers.
	Addition and subtraction	Students will develop appropriate strategies for addition and subtraction with counting numbers of any size.
	Time	Students will use 24-hour time and a.m./p.m. notation in real-life situations, and construct timelines.
Mathematics	Multiplication and Division	Students will select and apply appropriate mental, written or calculator strategies for multiplication and division.
	Area and Volume	Students will use appropriate units to measure length, area and volume, and apply their understanding to solve problems.
History	Australia as a Nation	Students will learn about the development of Australia as a nation, exploring the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives as well as Australia's British heritage.
Science and Technology	Living World	Students will examine how environment affects the growth, survival and adaptation of living things and how these adaptations over time suit their environment. Students will also use materials, tools and equipment to develop a solution to a problem, integrating digital technologies to help their investigation.
Creative Arts	Visual Arts	Students will explore how weaving is used in different cultures to create artworks or for the creation of practical items. They will learn about particular weaving patterns and the techniques used.
PDHPE	PDH	Students will explore some ways to establish and maintain caring and respectful relationships.
	PE	Students will study the effects of physical activity on health and some strategies of how to monitor and evaluate physical activity levels.

Stage 3 'Family Recipe' project

Students will be participating in a stage-based project during Terms 1 and 2. The aim is to produce a recipe book at the end of the semester. Templates have been sent home with examples of recipes and the stories behind why the recipe is important to the family. Please return the completed template by Friday March 19 (Week 8). If more space is required please attach another sheet. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

Library

During library lessons, all students will be focusing on developing their skills in information literacy and digital literacy. These focuses help to develop life-long skills that students can apply to many areas of learning throughout their education. This year, some classes will attend the library together and have their lessons co-taught by Miss Ruschen and Mr Mir, providing further opportunity for collaboration and networking. There will be many exciting events throughout the year, including the Premier's Reading Challenge, Book Week, book fairs and more. Students are highly encouraged to borrow from the library, but are required to have a library bag to do so.

Attendance

Please ensure that you continue to notify the school of all student absences due to illness and please provide a medical certificate where possible. We continue to adhere to health and safety recommendations, and ask that all students displaying COVID-19 symptoms are not present at school.

Uniform

All students must be in the correct school uniform. Please refer to the school's website <https://alexpar.kcs-c.schod.s.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/uniform.html>

Equipment

It is important that students keep in mind that they should not be sharing equipment whilst at school. We also encourage students to bring a water bottle to school. All equipment should be clearly marked with students' names. Please ensure your child has their stationary at school every day. If they have a BYO device, it should be fully charged to ensure it can be utilised throughout the day.

Sun-safety

We remind families that sun safety is paramount at this time of year. Please ensure that your child has a school hat to wear during all outdoor activities. We also recommend the use of sunscreen, which can be stored in student trays for regular application throughout the day.

Key dates

15 th February	Primary swimming carnival
17 th February	SRE/SEE commences
23 rd February	Primary 'Meet-the-Teacher' afternoon
11 th March	Selective High School Placement Test 2022
19 th March	Harmony Day

Kind regards,

Gabriele Friedlander

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