

Stage 3 Class Information  
5/6O - Term 1 2020

Welcome to an exciting year of learning in Stage 3. I am thrilled to be working at Hamilton Public School again in 2020 and I look forward to working with you all. The following information is a brief outline of learning and routines in 5/6O. More in-depth information will be discussed at the Parent Information Night, which is scheduled for Tuesday 11 February at 5.30pm.

### **Important Days**

**Monday** – Library, Science and School Assembly

**Tuesday** – Scripture and Ethics

**Thursday** - PDHPE

**Friday** – School sport (Sports uniform to be worn this day)

### **Teaching and Learning**

Students will be involved in a large range of learning activities. They will have times when they are working individually, in small groups and as a whole class. Our school has developed a thematic scope and sequence to enhance student learning. The theme for Term One is **Social Justice**. Within this theme we will focus on United Nations (UN) Sustainability Goal 8: *Decent Work and Economic Growth* and UN Sustainability Goal 16 *Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions*. All teachers will be teaching integrated units around this theme covering stage content from English, PDHPE, Science & Technology, History and Geography. A short outline of this term's unit has been attached to this letter. Our class novel, *Boy Overboard* by Morris Gleitzman, will also assist students in grasping our theme from different perspectives. In addition to our thematic units, students will be following the school scope and sequence in mathematics and English.

### **Technology**

Students will be using a variety of online learning programs at school. Programs such as *Google classroom*, *Matific* and *Spell City* can also be accessed at home once the children receive their logins. I enjoy using SeeSaw as a communication tool. I will post news, updates and announcements weekly. Many of you will be familiar with this technology, however, for those who aren't, I will explain this further at the information night.

### **Equipment**

**The following items will be required:**

#### **1 x Small Pencil Case:**

- 2 blue or black pens
- 2 red pen
- 2 highlighters
- 2 lead pencils and an eraser
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 glue stick
- 1 ruler
- Some coloured pencils and or textas can also be handy but not essential.

### **Books:**

- A student diary
- A plastic or cardboard document folder/envelope

**1 x Small Earphones/Earbuds**: that can be plugged into the computer for independent work. These are best stored in a small plastic container with a lid.

**Students also please bring a box of tissues at the start of the year for the classroom. You would be surprised how many tissues we go through in a year!**

Please note that liquid paper, white out, white out tape and all similar items are not allowed at school.

**Please ensure that all items have your child's name clearly marked on them.**

### **Homework**

Homework will begin in Week 3 of Term 1 (10 February 2020). This is so expectations can be clearly explained to parents at the Parent Information Night. Homework in Stage 3 will consist of fortnightly tasks accessed through Google Classroom. Other arrangements can be made if your child is unable to access a computer at home. A project will also be set each semester. It is an important aspect of Stage 3 learning as regular homework routines are vital for high school.

### **Class Management Plan**

A strong emphasis is placed on the fact that we are at school to learn. Students are recognised for the positive contributions they make to our class learning environment. Students understand that class rules and expectations help us feel safe, happy and ready for learning. The school already has very clear guidelines and the students of 5/60 have collaboratively written a set of classroom values this week.

Students are encouraged and recognised through our school wide PBL program which promotes *Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best*.

Please feel welcome to contact me if you have any questions or queries, and I look forward to elaborating at our Parent Information session on Tuesday 12 February. Contact me via the school email ([hamilton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hamilton-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)) at any time, or phone the school to arrange a time for an appointment if you need to see me before this date.

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