

# 2025 TERM 2 IN 5/6

## UPCOMING DATES

22nd April - First Day of Term 2

24th April - 3 Way Conference Day

(Students attend the Conference with their parents or carers. Classes do not run).

25th April - ANZAC Public Holiday

Interschool Sport - Fridays - 30<sup>th</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> June & 13<sup>th</sup> June

## WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

**Literature Focus: The Arrival by Shaun Tan** - Our first literature focus will explore themes of family, struggle, and hope. We will analyse pictures to understand their meaning, interpret characters' emotions, and uncover symbolism.

**Biological Science: Habitats** - Students will discover how living things survive and grow. We will learn how temperature affects fungi, what plants need to thrive, and how some creatures live in extreme places like deserts, deep oceans, and freezing Antarctica.

**Biological Science: Plant Survival** - Students will explore how plants survive and thrive. We will learn about their special traits, smart adaptations, and how they handle heat, cold, and tough environments to stay strong and grow.

**Literature Focus: Tom Appleby by Jackie French** - Our second literature focus will step into the world of early Australia and the struggles of convicts, discover their harsh conditions, lost freedoms, and the power of friendship. See how they adapted to survive, helped build a new colony, and faced questions of justice and punishment in a challenging new land.

**In Week 6, the whole school will explore and celebrate Reconciliation Week.**

## REMINDERS

- **Home Reading** is 20 minutes, 4 times per week. Please sign your child's student diary and bring it to school each Monday.
- **Year 5/6 may BYOD (Bring Your Own Device).** Please ensure both items are protected and clearly named.
- **Fruit/veg snack** can be eaten during learning. Please send this in a separate container.
- **Long hair** needs to be tied up for safety. **No jewellery** is to be worn. **No nail polish** or false nails. Colourless lip balm is OK; otherwise, **No Makeup.**
- Please bring a named **drink bottle of water** to school daily. Staying hydrated is important.
- As the weather gets colder, students may wear non-school uniform jackets outside but **must remove them when indoors.** Inside learning spaces, students must wear **school uniform jumpers. Hoodies are not permitted.**

From the Year 5/6 Team  
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