

# Year 5, 2020

Term One

## Welcome to the new school year!

We have had a wonderful start to the year! Our Year Five students have come to school with a positive, ready to learn attitude. Our teachers are enthusiastic and looking forward to great times ahead! We are all looking forward to the learning, the adventures and fun we will have this year.

Next Wednesday afternoon there is an opportunity to put faces to names at the Meet the Teachers Twilight BBQ on Wednesday, February 12 from 4.30 – 6.30pm. It would be great to see you there.

Last year parents were encouraged to familiarise themselves with the Uniform Guidelines for students (this includes hairstyles). It is wonderful to see so many students looking smart and wearing their uniform with pride. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform, including white turn-down school socks and black school shoes for girls, black turn-down school socks and black school shoes for boys and **predominantly** white joggers on sports days for both girls and boys. A note will be sent home with children who are not wearing the correct school uniform that you are required to sign as acknowledgement of receipt.



We are encouraging all students in Year 5 to sign up for the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. Our Library borrowing day is **Wednesday** this term. Please ensure your child has a library bag to bring to school so that they are able to borrow.

Did you also know that you can also borrow books from the libraries in the local area? Our Library @ Mt Druitt Hub is open seven days a week and up until 7.45pm Monday to Thursday.

## 2020 Year 5 Team

5B – Miss Tasha King – Numeracy Support Teacher

Mrs Melisa Mufale alternate Tuesdays

5G – Mr Henry Escandor

5R – Mrs Kellie Fox

5W – Ms Elizabeth Le Breton – Grade Leader/Learning Technologies Coordinator

Mrs Dimple Dhiman (Tuesdays)

Learning Support – Mrs Maree Callaghan, Mrs Dimple Dhiman, Mrs Clare Burnett

As much as we love to chat, it is very disruptive to students learning to "catch teachers on the run". To make a time to meet with any of our staff, please contact the school office.

This term we will be learning about:

Religious Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Parables of Jesus</li> <li>▪ Lent: An Invitation to Believe</li> <li>▪ Easter Triduum: Way of the Cross</li> </ul>
English	Shared, guided and independent reading and writing. We will continue to work in improving our students' reading comprehension and vocabulary enrichment in all Key Learning Areas. Students participate in oral language activities throughout the school day.
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Working mathematically</li> <li>▪ Whole number</li> <li>▪ Chance</li> <li>▪ Data (integrated with three-dimensional space)</li> <li>▪ Length/Perimeter (integrated with addition &amp; subtraction)</li> <li>▪ Area (integrated with multiplication &amp; division)</li> <li>▪ Volume and Capacity</li> <li>▪ Time</li> <li>▪ Position</li> </ul>
Science and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Digital Technologies</li> </ul>
Human Society and Its Environment	<p>History</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Australian Colonies</li> </ul>
Creative Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Visual Arts – Making Silhouettes</li> <li>▪ Music</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday</b> Miss Touzell – 5B &amp; 5W Mrs McCaffrey – 5G &amp; 5R</p>
Personal Development/ Health/Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Personal Power</li> <li>▪ Physical Education</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday</b> Ms Latham – 5W &amp; 5B Mrs Zeall – 5R &amp; 5G</p>

## Homework

Homework will be set on a needs basis this year. To prepare students for Year 6 and high school, we will be trialling giving the students assignments. Students also have access to Studyladder. The program is curriculum based and covers Mathematics, Literacy as well as other subjects. Each child has been given a username and password which can be used to access Studyladder. They will NOT be able to chat with anyone using Studyladder, however, we still encourage you to supervise your child at all times when using the internet. To access Studyladder from home, go to [www.studyladder.com.au](http://www.studyladder.com.au) and login using your child's school username and password. The free version allows students to access 3 activities per day from home (it is optional for parents to upgrade if they wish to give their child unlimited home access). As a parent, you can also join Studyladder for free if you wish to monitor your child's progress.

In addition to any work set or needing to be completed, it is an expectation that every child reads for **at least 20 minutes** every night.

Thank you for your support. We're looking forward to a great year ahead!