



YEAR SIX

IMPORTANT TERM DATES:

OCTOBER

- Term 4 starts - 3rd
- Lawn Bowls - 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
- Whole School Invisit- Richard Schoel: Magical World of Crazy Science - 12th
- Year 6 Parent Graduation Meeting in 6A - Thursday 13th
- PPD Day (Student Free) - 20th
- Jewish Holocaust Museum Excursion - 25th

NOVEMBER

- Cup Day - 1st
- Gardenvale School Fair - 12th
- GPS Transition Program - 14th - 25th
- Swimming Carnival - 25th

DECEMBER

- Billy Cart Grand Prix - 2nd
- Lifesaving Program Hampton Beach - 7th
- School Concert - 8th
- State Secondary School Transition Day - 13th
- Graduation Night - 15th
- Book Club Celebration - 16th
- Big Day Out - 19th
- End of Primary School! - 20th

TERM OVERVIEW

At Gardenvale, we pride ourselves on making our Year 6 students' final term a memorable one. Please mark the important dates below in your calendar.

Preparations for Graduation, will occur throughout the term. It will be held at school on Thursday 15th December. Parental support is required for this special event and a meeting for interested parents will be held in the second week of term. To celebrate the end of the year, we will be having a "Big Day Out" on Monday 19th December.

INQUIRY UNIT:

Through the integrated unit "On The Move," students will become aware of the impact of science and technology in our lives. One of the features on the school calendar is the annual Billy Cart Grand Prix. After seven years as spectators, they will finally be the ones designing and building their own billy carts and racing them in front of the school community. We do require assistance in terms of sourcing wheels and seats so will email the details shortly. We would appreciate parental assistance, so if you're handy with tools and are available on Friday afternoons, please let your teacher know.

LITERACY FOCUS:

The students will have the opportunity to reflect on their time at Gardenvale with the publication of a yearbook and creation of a graduation poster. We will also focus on writing information reports. Book Club will continue to develop reading skills through deep discussion and Café Reading strategies.

NUMERACY FOCUS:

Differentiated Maths Clinics will continue with our unit on Fractions, Decimals and Percentages before moving on to basic Algebra, Patterns and Problem Solving. We will focus on Mass and Statistics and Probability.

SPORT:

The swimming program for Year 6 is an Open Water Safety Program at Hampton Beach run by Life Saving Victoria to reinforce their knowledge and safety in open water swimming. Our students will be coached by the experts at the local Armadale Lawn Bowls at the beginning of the term as part of our sport program.

TRANSITION:

Our focus throughout this term will be preparing students for their transition to secondary school. Weeks 7 & 8 will be "Transition Weeks" which is a program based on a Year 7 schedule and designed to develop their organisational skills and confidence. They will follow a personal timetable, move from class to class every 50 minutes, organise their books and plan their time to complete homework assigned from all their subject teachers. They will participate in a range of subjects such as Food Technology, History and Geography. We will also arrange for some ex Gardenvale students to visit for a Q & A session. All students will visit their secondary school for orientation days during the term and staff from some of the secondary schools will visit to meet students.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS:

