



YEAR SIX- Term 4

OVERVIEW:

IMPORTANT TERM

DATES:

Term 4 starts – Oct 7

Year 6 Parent Graduation Meeting in 6C - Oct 10, 3.30

Jewish Holocaust Museum – Oct 15 & 16

Whole School in visit – Oct 23

Melbourne Cup – Nov 5

GPS Transition Program – Nov 25 – Dec 6

Swimming Carnival – Nov 29

PPD Day (Student Free) – Dec 9

State Secondary School Transition Day – Dec 10

School Concert – Dec 10

Lifesaving Program Elwood Beach – Dec 11

Billy Cart Grand Prix – Dec 13

Graduation Night – Dec 17

Big Day Out – Dec 19

End of School Year – Dec 20

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

Transition Weeks: As we approach the end of the school year, we are excited to share details about our upcoming Transition Weeks, which will be held during Weeks 8 and 9. This special program is designed to help our students prepare for their transition to secondary school by developing essential organisational skills and building confidence. During Transition Weeks, students will experience a Year 7 schedule that includes: Personal timetables, subject variety and homework management.

Open Water Safety Program: Our Year 6 students will participate in an Open Water Safety Program at Elwood Beach, run by Life Saving Victoria. This program is designed to reinforce their knowledge and safety in open water swimming, an essential skill for ensuring their safety around water. This experience will provide valuable practical knowledge and confidence in open water environments.

Graduation Preparations: Preparations for the Year 6 Graduation are underway and will be an important focus throughout the term. The Graduation ceremony will be held at school on Thursday, 17th December. This is a significant event for our students, and we are seeking parental support to help make it a memorable occasion. We will be holding a meeting for interested parents in the second week of term to discuss how you can assist with the event. Your involvement will be greatly appreciated as we work together to create a special experience for our graduates.

"Big Day Out" Celebration: To celebrate the end of the year, we will have a "Big Day Out" on Thursday, 19th December. This will be a fun and enjoyable event to mark the end of the school year and provide students with a memorable conclusion to their time at Gardenvale.

LITERACY FOCUS:

As we move into the final term of the year, we have some engaging literacy activities planned to help our students reflect on their time at Gardenvale and continue to develop their reading and writing skills.

Yearbook and Graduation Poster: Students will have the opportunity to reflect on their experiences at Gardenvale through the creation of a yearbook and a graduation poster. These projects will allow them to look back on their achievements and memorable moments with their peers, as well as celebrate their journey as they prepare to transition to secondary school.

Information Reports: We will also focus on writing information reports, where students will learn to research, organise, and present information in a clear and informative manner. This skill will not only enhance their writing abilities but also prepare them for the type of writing they will encounter in secondary school.

Book Club: Our Book Club will continue to foster a love of reading and develop critical thinking skills through deep discussions and the use of CAFE Reading strategies (Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, and Expanding Vocabulary). This will help students become more proficient readers and enjoy a variety of texts.

NUMERACY FOCUS:

As we enter Term 4, we are excited to share our plans for the Year 6 numeracy curriculum. This term, our focus will be on providing rich and engaging mathematical activities designed to challenge and extend our students' skills.

Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages: We will continue our differentiated Maths Clinics, which are tailored to meet the diverse needs of our students. These clinics will help deepen their understanding of fractions, decimals, and percentages through interactive and hands-on activities.

Basic Algebra: Students will be introduced to basic algebra concepts. They will learn to solve simple equations and understand algebraic expressions, laying a solid foundation for future mathematical learning.

Financial Plans: We will explore financial literacy by creating and managing basic financial plans. This will help students understand real-world applications of mathematics and develop practical skills.

Problem Solving: Our program will emphasise problem-solving strategies, encouraging students to approach mathematical problems with critical thinking and creativity.

Statistics and Probability: Students will also focus on Statistics and Probability. They will learn to collect, analyse, and interpret data, as well as understand the likelihood of various outcomes.

INQUIRY:

Through the integrated unit "On the Move," students will become aware of the impact of science and technology in our lives. Our students will be participating in the annual Billy Cart Grand Prix this year! After seven years of watching from the sidelines, our students will finally have the chance to design, build, and race their own billy carts in front of the school community. As part of this exciting project, we are seeking assistance in sourcing materials and hands-on support. Specifically, we need help with obtaining wheels and seats for the billy carts. We will provide more details on these requirements shortly. In addition, we are looking for enthusiastic parent volunteers who are handy with tools and available to assist during the build process. If you have experience with electrical tools, DIY projects or woodworking and can spare some time during Term 4, we would greatly appreciate your help. Please let your child's teacher know if you are available to assist.