



# YEAR SIX

## IMPORTANT TERM DATES:

Term 4 starts – 2nd October

Division Athletics - 10th  
October

Jewish Holocaust Museum  
Excursion – 17th October

In house visit: 18th October

Year 6 Parent Graduation  
Meeting in 6C – Thursday 19th  
October (email to come)

Cup Day – 7th November

Swimming Carnival - 24th  
November

GPS transition weeks - 20th  
November- 1st December

PPD (pupil free day) - 5th  
December

Lifesaving Program Hampton  
Beach - 6th December

Billy Cart Grand Prix – 8th  
December

State secondary school  
Transition Day – 12th  
December

School Concert – 12th  
December

Graduation Night - 14th  
December

Big Day Out – 19th December

End of Primary School! – 20th  
December

## 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. Our focus throughout this term will be preparing students for their transition to secondary school. Weeks 8 & 9 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 Woodwork, 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.

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.

Preparations for Graduation will occur throughout the term. It will be held at school on Thursday 14th 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 Tuesday 19th December.

## INQUIRY UNIT:

Through the integrated unit, 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 also appreciate parental assistance so if you're handy with tools and are available for the dates sent out in an email in Term 3, 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.

*Here's to a great end to the year!*  
**Amy, Kelly, Holly and Tim**