

YEAR 5/6 TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

Hello and Welcome to the
Grade 5/6 Learning Community of
2025!



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to an exciting new school year! We are thrilled to be working with your children and can't wait for all the learning, growth, and memorable experiences ahead. This year will be filled with engaging lessons, collaborative projects, and opportunities for students to challenge themselves and thrive at GWPS in 2025!.

We value open communication and encourage you to reach out via email if you have any questions or need any support throughout the year. Thank you for your collaboration—we look forward to a fantastic journey together!

Warm regards,

Year 5/6 Teaching Team

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Your 5/6 Teaching team

Mr. Henderson



Hello, I am Mr. Henderson. I'm the classroom teacher for 5/6A. I have been at the school for a number of years and am excited to continue inspiring our senior students in 2025. On the weekends you can find me at the gym or seeking the greatest Italian food I can find.

Miss Greaux



Hello, I'm Miss Greaux and I'm the classroom teacher for 5/6D on Monday to Wednesdays. I am a new 2025 GWPS teacher and I am so excited to get to know all of the families here! In my free time, I like to spend time with my family, my dogs, being active and social.

Miss Turnbull



Hi, I'm Miss T! I'm 5/6C's classroom teacher this year and I'm super excited to be spending another year in year 5/6. Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family and our numerous four-legged fur-babies.

Miss Gauci



Hi! I'm Miss Gauci and I will be the teacher for 5/6B this year. I'm a new teacher at GWPS and cant wait to learn more about all of the exciting things our year 5/6 students will be doing in 2025! Outside of school, I enjoy drawing, painting, reading and writing.

Mrs. Jones



Hello, I'm Mrs Jones and I will be the teacher for Grade 5/6E. I have been a year 3/4 and an Art teacher here at GWPS. I am excited for a year of fun. At home, I am a Mum of two little toddlers running around. I love to bake, read actions books and spending time with my family.

Mr. Floyd



Hi, I'm Mr Floyd and I will be in 5/6D on Thursday's and Friday's. I am about to be a Dad for the second time. I love spending time with my 2 dogs - Millie and Milo.

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Looking at the term ahead

NAPLAN

We would like to inform you that our Year 5 students will participate in the NAPLAN assessments scheduled from Wednesday, 12th March to Monday, 24th March 2025. These assessments are designed to evaluate students' skills in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar, and punctuation), and numeracy. The results provide valuable insights into your child's progress and help guide future learning. To support your child during this period, we recommend ensuring they have a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time. If you have any questions or concerns regarding NAPLAN, please feel free to contact us.

Avalon AirShow

On March 28th, our Year 5/6 students will have the exciting opportunity to attend the Avalon Airshow, a special experience that promises to be both educational and unforgettable. We are thrilled to share that our school is the first to secure such an invitation, making this an exclusive chance for students to witness cutting-edge aviation technology, thrilling aerial displays, and hands-on STEM exhibits. This excursion will not only inspire curiosity and wonder but also provide valuable real-world connections to science, engineering, and innovation. More details, including permission forms and logistics, will be shared soon.

5/6 Sports Gala day

Our Year 5/6 students are gearing up for an exciting Sports Gala Day, where they will have the opportunity to compete against schools from across the region in a variety of sports. This event is a fantastic way for students to showcase their teamwork, sportsmanship, and skill development in a competitive yet supportive environment. In the coming weeks, students will begin practising their chosen sports, refining their techniques, and building confidence ahead of the big day. We look forward to seeing their hard work in action and celebrating their efforts on what promises to be a fun and energetic day!

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What are we learning?

Reading

In Term 1, Year 5/6 students will engage in a rich reading program that explores both persuasive and narrative texts. They will examine persuasive writing, drawing on real-world issues to deepen their understanding of persuasive devices and how they are used to influence an audience. Students will complete an author study on Anh Do to complement our narrative unit, allowing students to explore narrative craft and Author's Purpose through his works. Additionally, students will investigate the significance of place in literature, making meaningful cultural connections to Indigenous Australian perspectives, deepening their appreciation of storytelling and its ties to identity and heritage.

Writing

In Term 1, our Year 5 and 6 students will refine their persuasive and narrative writing skills. They will start with persuasive writing, focusing on precise vocabulary, specialist terms, figurative language, and rhetorical appeals (ethos, pathos, logos), using the TEEL structure to strengthen their arguments. Later, they will transition to narrative writing, developing story structure, character depth, and literary devices while exploring personal and cultural narratives. Throughout the term, students will enhance their punctuation and writing techniques to create compelling and well-crafted pieces.

Mathematics

This term, students will be learning about how to express natural numbers as products of their factors, use divisibility tests, and identify factor patterns. They will also investigate different types of numbers, including prime and composite numbers, triangle numbers, square numbers, and square roots. Additionally, students will develop their understanding of integers and learn how to navigate the Cartesian Plane. In the coming weeks, we will shift our focus to fractions, where students will compare, order, add, and subtract common fractions through hands-on activities. They will also explore probability and chance through interactive experiments. Once a week, we will follow a Launch - Explore - Summarise lesson structure, encouraging students to develop their problem-solving skills and think critically about different mathematical concepts.

Inquiry and SWPBS

This term, the students in Year 5/6 will be learning about migration and how different communities and cultures are connected throughout history. We are exploring different countries around the world, their population, cuisine and interesting facts about where our students family ancestry originates from. As this term progresses, we will complete a virtual excursion to the Immigration Museum. The year 5/6's will be learning more about some of the most influential life stories of immigrants and how they made new lives for themselves within the state of Victoria and important artefacts representing their journeys.

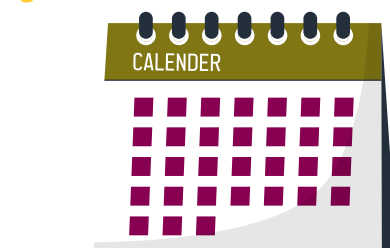
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Important Information

- School gates open at 8:30am each day and classroom doors open at 8:40am for learning to begin. Gates will close at 8.50am. Students who arrive after this time must sign in at the front office.
- Students are to read at home each night and record this in their reading log. Teachers will be monitoring take home reading progress each week. Reading satchels should be brought to school each day.



Events

- **14th of February** - Subway lunch
- **7th of March** - Curriculum Day
- **10th of March** - Labour Day
- **12th of March** - NAPLAN begins
- **14th of March** - Subway lunch
- **21st of March** - Harmony Day
- **24th of March** - Sports Gala Day
- **28th of March** - Avalon Airshow excursion
- **1st of April** - Colour run/cross country
- **4th of April** - End of Term 1

Specialist Timetable

	56A	56B	56C	56D	56E
MON* session 5	P.E	Digi Tech	Visual Arts	Music	Class is split amongst other 5/6 classes for specialist.
TUES* session 5	Music	Visual Arts	Digi Tech	P.E	
Thurs session 1 and 2	Visual Arts/ Digi Tech	Music / P.E	P.E/ Music	Digi Tech/ Visual Arts	

*On Mondays and Tuesdays, students will be dismissed from their specialist's classroom.

SUBWAY AND TK TUKSHOP

Subway

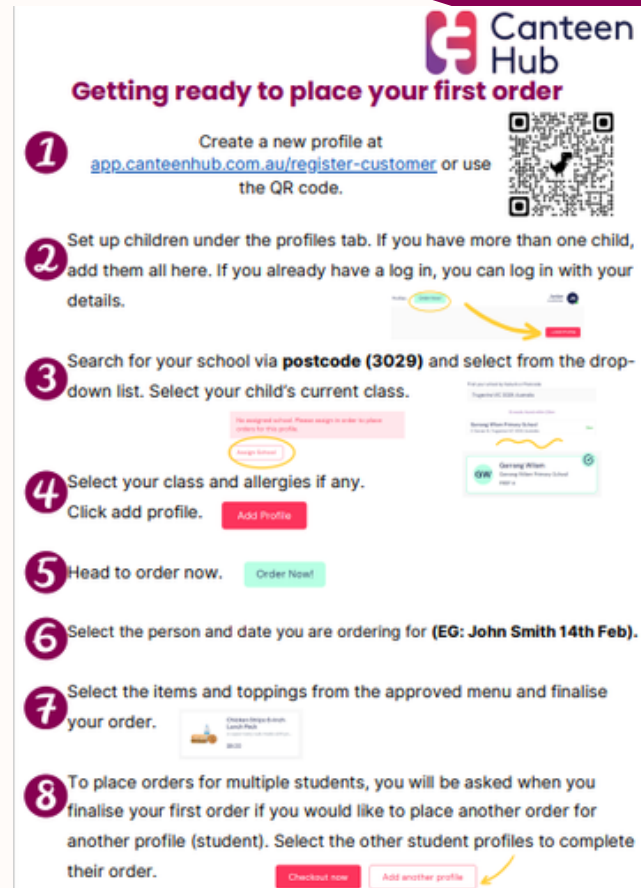
Students at GWPS have the opportunity to enjoy Subway twice each term on a particular Friday, with order dates scheduled for Week 3 and Week 7 of each term. Our first Subway Day will take place next Friday the 14th of February. To ensure your child's order is included, families must place orders by midnight on the Wednesday of the designated week.

Orders can be placed conveniently through the Canteen Hub app. 'How to order' forms are available at the school office or can be accessed below.

Please note, \$1 from every sub ordered will be donated back to the school to support student initiatives.

The subway will be delivered directly to the school on Friday and then dropped off to their class during lunch eating time.

If you have any questions, please speak to Nicole Hovell, Jarrod Bateup or Aaron Floyd.



Canteen Hub
Getting ready to place your first order

- 1 Create a new profile at app.canteenhub.com.au/register-customer or use the QR code.
- 2 Set up children under the profiles tab. If you have more than one child, add them all here. If you already have a log in, you can log in with your details.
- 3 Search for your school via **postcode (3029)** and select from the drop-down list. Select your child's current class.
- 4 Select your class and allergies if any. Click add profile.
- 5 Head to order now.
- 6 Select the person and date you are ordering for (**EG: John Smith 14th Feb**).
- 7 Select the items and toppings from the approved menu and finalise your order.
- 8 To place orders for multiple students, you will be asked when you finalise your first order if you would like to place another order for another profile (student). Select the other student profiles to complete their order.

TK TUKSHOP

TK Tuckshop is our lunch order provider at GWPS. They deliver lunch orders to school on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's. Orders close at midnight the night before. All orders can be made through the 'spriggy schools app'.

TK tuckshop deliver the lunches to school and student's collect them during lunch eating times.

They offer a range of items from fresh pizza to sushi, sandwiches, wraps and more.

You can create an account and register your child to start ordering today.



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