

Simba 5/6

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Banks PS for 2020! My name is Mr Steve Salmon and I am your child's teacher for this year. Your child is in class Simba 5/6, named after the character Simba from the book The Lion King. Throughout the year we will be studying Simba and other characters from The Lion King.

Stage 3 is a time for your child to develop confidence and become an independent learner who can problem solve and think creatively. I endeavour to make 2020 a fun year filled with lots of learning, growing and new adventures as your child begins their transition into high school. There are many great learning opportunities and experiences for students to participate in throughout the year such as camp, carnivals, parades, incursions etc. Students will also be involved in daily quality teaching and learning programs to improve their skills and concepts in all Key Learning Areas.

Students in Stage 3 are expected to follow the school expectations of being safe, respectful, learners. We use the VIP point system and star awards in class to encourage positive behaviour and foster a positive learning environment in which students can thrive.

Simba 5/6 has a variety of RFF teachers throughout the week, teaching a range of subjects. These include;

Mrs Loupos for Creative Arts (CAPA) each *Monday* in which they will participate in a range of lessons that cover the areas of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music.

Mr Bransdon for Personal Development and Health (PDH) each *Tuesday* in which they will be completing a positive relationship and anti-bullying program. Mr Bransdon will also be teaching Science on *Tuesday*.

Mrs Kew for Library every *Wednesday*. Try to encourage your child to borrow a range of library books to further enhance their reading and comprehension skills. They are required to use a library bag when transporting the books home in their school bag.

Mr Christensen for Physical Education (PE) on *Wednesday*. Students are required to have a hat and drink bottle when participating in PE lessons especially during the hotter months.

Important days for Simba 5/6 students: Wednesday– Library Wednesday – PE Friday – Sport

Students will receive Homework weekly which will be set on a Monday and due back on the Friday. Students are also encouraged to read on a daily basis at home, either independently or to an adult.

If you have any concerns or would like to speak about your child's progress please arrange a meeting with myself and I am happy to discuss these with you. I hope you and your child are looking forward to the beginning of what I'm sure will be a very exciting year ahead.

With best wishes,

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