

## STAFFING

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Room 6	Catherine Kelly	Year 4/5

### Term Dates:

As these are detailed in the school calendar, below are some dates of specific importance to the Senior Syndicate. All dates for the year are on the calendar on the front page of our website: [www.victoriaave.com](http://www.victoriaave.com)

#### OCTOBER

Wednesday 21	Yr 6 Waterwise (next 4 weeks)
Friday 23	Yr 5/6 Author visit
Monday 26	LABOUR DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 27	Grandparents' Day

#### NOVEMBER

Wednesday 11	Yr 6 Safe Cycling
Friday 20	Disco (yr 3-6 at 7.00pm)
Tuesday 24	Zone Athletics
Thursday 26	Yr 5 Road Patrol training

#### DECEMBER

Thursday 3	Jump Rope Day (1.30)
Friday 4	Healthy Schools Dress-Up Day
Monday 7	School Sports Day Mt Smart
Thursday 10	Year 6 Leaver's Dinner 6.00pm
Tuesday 15	Carol Service at Cathedral 6.30pm
Wednesday 16	Prize Giving 11.30 School Closes at 12.30

# VICTORIA AVENUE SCHOOL



## Senior Syndicate Newsletter

### Term 4- 2009

#### CURRICULUM GOAL

To integrate the Key Competency of 'Thinking' across the curriculum.

#### SOCIAL GOAL

To increase kindness and consideration towards others in all aspects of school life.

<b>Curriculum</b>	<b>Year 5 and 6</b>
<b>Literacy</b>	<p>Class literacy programmes will include reading, writing, oral and visual language.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our main literacy focus this term will be the genre of narratives. This will involve students reading a range of texts to develop an understanding of the purpose, audience and structure of narrative texts.</li> <li>• They will also apply their understanding when writing narratives in a range of contexts. Particular attention will be given to developing and applying proof reading and editing skills in all writing.</li> <li>• Incorrectly spelt words will be the basis of weekly spelling tests.</li> <li>• Regular handwriting practice will aim to develop a fluent and legible style that will focus on the formation, shape and size of letters when using basic and cursive script.</li> <li>• Oral language activities will focus on listening to others and contributing appropriately to group discussions.</li> </ul>
<b>Numeracy</b>	<p>Numeracy will remain the main focus and will be supplemented with Algebra this term.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In all classes students will continue to develop their knowledge of number and use of number strategies when problem solving.</li> <li>• The mastery of basic facts addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts will continue to be a priority.</li> </ul>
<b>Inquiry Learning &amp; The Arts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our major Inquiry focus this term is the amazing human body, and all the communities in and around it. We will be looking at how to preserve the human body and keep it healthy through regular exercise, healthy diet and nutrition.</li> <li>• The visual arts will look at watercolours and linear pencil compositions. Jane Evans' art works will be used as a source of inspiration.</li> <li>• We will be preparing for Grandparents' Day and the annual Christmas Carol service as part of our Music programme.</li> </ul>
<b>Health &amp; Physical Education</b>	<p><b>Fundamental Skills</b> (Taught by Clare Whittington)</p> <p>Run, Jump, Throw</p> <p>Focus on running correctly for sprinting/starting and baton change. Running fast over low obstacles with little interruption (hurdles). Hopping and jumping techniques. Jumping / leaping / landing safely. Jumping for distance both height and length. Refine scissor jump with correct approach.</p>
<b>ICT</b>	<p><b>Skills Sessions</b> (taught by Jason Des Forges)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To aid in the integration of ICT into the class programme across curriculum areas.</li> <li>• Focusing on using Blogging as a vehicle to publish writing and media - combining language, symbols and text. They are constructing a storyboard in Pages or Comic Life. It will be exported to the blog <a href="http://www.seniorvas.blogspot.com">www.seniorvas.blogspot.com</a></li> <li>• Students will then use their classroom camera to shoot a short movie and post it to the blog via Youtube.</li> </ul>