Welcome to 5/6AF 2011.
Term 1

This year, we have Mrs Allan three days per week and Ms Fazzolari the other two. We manage to cover lots of work over the five days. We have two new students that have joined us. We also have Ms Pattison who works in our room each day. Wow! What a busy term. We have been engaged completing lots of great activities in both the classroom and in the playground.

English

In Term 1, we have been learning how to write an Exposition. An Exposition is a one sided argument on a topic such as “Handwriting should not be taught in schools” or “Should the school have a swimming pool?”. We have had some very interesting discussions about having a pool and most people think that we shouldn’t have a pool at school. We have been doing handwriting during Literacy time, trying to improve our writing. Many of the correct joins have been hard. Some of the Year 5 people have enjoyed using a pen for the first time.

Homework

This term 5/6AF have been doing a lot of homework like drawing up a weather chart for the Central Coast, looking at tornadoes, cyclone and hurricanes; making bugs out of recyclable material; practising our times tables, making clocks out of plastic plates, spelling lists; maths sheets on time and algorithms and doing our home reading each night. Sometimes it’s fun. We have to hand it in on Thursdays and the teachers email the new work out on Thursday night.

Maths

During maths in 5/6 AF we have been doing time, place value, data, multiplication, addition and subtraction. We have learnt how to convert 12hr time to 24hr time, how to draw graphs, how to add and subtract 6 digit numbers and how to sing times tables. Most of us have improved considerably in tables with Ebonnie making the most improvement. Well done Eb!

Library

Mrs Carraro is our library teacher. We have library lessons every Wednesday after recess. We like to borrow the books from the library because they are interesting. We have been learning about natural disasters. A natural disaster is a disaster caused by nature. A natural disaster affects people, animals, plants and buildings. Some
natural disasters are: earthquakes, tsunamis, cyclones, volcanic eruptions and tornadoes. We always do our best in the library.

**RFF**

In RFF this term we have made a decorative glass jar and we are now in the process of making three different sized clay elephants. RFF is every Wednesday. We have also done some maths and literacy during this time.

**Science**

Science has been interesting this term. We have looked at the Weather. It has been good because of all the things that have been happening in Japan. We have looked at clouds, the water cycle, learnt how to read weather maps and discussed natural phenomena. The unit was finished off with an assessment task on the weather.

**Sport**

Sport in Schools was the main focus this term. The instructors bring all sorts of great equipment. The best things this term were the go-karts and the punching bags. Some of the activities that we have been fortunate to try have been both challenging and fun to complete.

**Assembly**

5/6Af had the first assembly. It’s hard to do the first assembly when you’ve only been in your class for a week and a bit. We told a series of jokes like:

Q: Why did the dinosaur cross the road?
A: Chickens hadn't evolved yet.

**Computers**

In the computer classroom we have been involved in the whole school PBL multimedia competition about Responsibility. The talents of the students are very impressive to see; there have been some very clever entries.

**CAPA Groups**

Creative and Practical arts (CAPA) groups on a Thursday have been a wonderful place for the students to showcase their talents. The students are looking forward to the many wonderful CAPA opportunities that they can engage in over the terms.

The term has been really busy. We are all looking forward to the Easter break. Happy Easter to all our regular readers!