



# Stage 2 Homework - Weeks 6 & 7

## School Reminders

### Week 6:

**Tuesday** –Banking

**Thursday**- T-ball (Girls) and European Handball Training

**Friday** – T-ball (Boys) + AFL Training + Cricket, Stage 2 Assembly, PSSA

### Week 7:

**Tuesday** –Banking

**Thursday**- T-ball and European Handball Training

**Friday** - T-ball (Boys) + AFL Training + Cricket, Homework due 13<sup>th</sup> March, PSSA

## Stage 2 Homework Expectations

Stage 2 Homework will include English, maths and some Research activities. Homework will be set each fortnight and will be sent to students online via their Google Classroom/OneNote site. If requested, paper copies of homework can be sent home for families with no internet access.

Students are expected to complete written activities neatly, either digitally or in their homework books. When presenting research activities, we encourage students to present their work creatively either digitally or on paper.

## Reading – Comprehension

Carefully read the text below on Bushfires. Highlight or circle the most correct answer

### WHAT ARE BUSHFIRES?

A bushfire is an example of a natural disaster which has both natural and human causes.

Bushfires are uncontrollable blazes that usually start in areas of bushland or wilderness. They can be caused by lightning, agricultural clearing, campfires and dropped cigarettes. Some bushfires are deliberately lit.

Bushfires are very destructive, extremely dangerous and threaten life, homes and the wider community. They are large, fast-moving and difficult to bring under control. Bushfires can even jump over gaps that are in their path, such as rivers and roads.

Fuel for a bushfire comes from anything that burns. This includes grass, sticks, twigs, leaf litter and trees. Property and other structures such as sheds and stables are also considered fuel for a bushfire.

Bushfires are more frequent during the hottest and driest months of the year. While every continent (except Antarctica) has bushfires, Australia has experienced a number of very destructive bushfires over the years. The Ash Wednesday fires of 1983, the Victorian Black Saturday Bushfire of 2009 and the widespread fires during the summer of 2019–2020 have all resulted in devastating loss.

When bushfires are not too severe, they can have a positive effect on the environment. As old or diseased plants and trees are destroyed, they make way for new plants and trees to grow in their place.

When an area has been in drought, the amount of leaf litter and undergrowth increases. Traditionally, indigenous people understood their country's fire regimes, following a pattern of controlled burning in order to manage the land.

Bushfires, while dangerous and destructive, play an important role in maintaining sustainable ecosystems.



### Circle True or False

1. A bushfire can be caused by both natural and human causes

**True/False**

2. Every continent experiences bushfires

**True/False**

3. Bushfires do not play an important role in nature

**True/False**

4. Bushfires are fast-moving and difficult to bring under control

**True/False**

5. The cooler months are the most common for bushfires

**True/False**

## News and Current Affairs

Stay up to date with news and current affairs by watching at least one episode of BTN Newsbreak (ABC me @ 5pm) or reading the local or Sydney newspaper.

After watching or reading the news, choose one report to write about. Things you might include:

*What happened?*

*Where did it happen?*

*Who was involved?*

*Why did it happen?*

*How did it happen?*

## Daily Reading

Read for 15-20 minutes each night.

Record your daily reading in the boxes below.

Tick or highlight the box for every night that you read.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Week 4					
Week 5					

## Get Active

Getting a body workout is just as important as a mental workout! Below is a workout plan over the next 2 weeks. See if you can follow the plan and increase your fitness.

Mon	50 x frog jumps
Tues	1 minute of skipping
Wed	1 minute of high knees
Thurs	10 minute bike ride
Fri	2 minute mindfulness meditation

## Research

Re-read the text "What Are Bushfires". Research 'controlled burning' and how indigenous Australians use fire to manage the land. Write a short paragraph on what you have learnt.

## Maths Problem solving

1. Alex bought a pair of pants for \$67 and a shirt for \$32. How much money did he spend on clothes?
2. Mr Whitney went to Woolworths to purchase his groceries. His budget was \$230 but he only spent \$175. How much money did he have left?
3. Joe wanted to buy a new laptop and headphones. His laptop cost \$578 and his headphones were \$85. How much did he spend?
4. Shinji is 182 cm tall. Jane is 169 cm tall. If Brian is 15 cm taller than Jane, what is the combined height of all three people?

