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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Numeracy is one of our main focuses at Baverstock Oaks. To cater for individual needs we are continuing with our cross grouping initiative this year.

This initiative involves cross grouping across the Year 5 and 6 classes. In formulating the groups, teachers have made an overall judgment looking at test results, taking into account classroom observations, previous achievement in mathematics and the speed in which students grasp new concepts.

Cross grouping means that your child will possibly move to a different class and teacher for mathematics. This is a concept that all students need to learn as they move on to Intermediate and High School. It is important to realise that the ability of students does overlap from group to group, that groupings are flexible and children will be moved when and where progress demands it.

Mathematics will occur Monday – Friday from 9.05 am to 10.00 am for Years 5 and 6.

Your child's mathematics teacher will set mathematics homework.

In our upcoming parent interviews in the last week of term there **will not be** sufficient time to meet with your child's maths teacher. However it is important that school and home work together to assist your child in their mathematical learning. Please ensure you email your child's maths teacher if you would like to meet with them at any other time. Your child's maths teacher is identified at the bottom of this letter.

We hope many of you will take the opportunity to come to our Tall Oaks mathematics information evening on Wednesday 7 March at 7pm. During this evening we will outline where your child currently sits in relation to National Standards, go over what we are doing at school to meet their needs in mathematics and give you some good practical ideas of the things you can do at home to help your child in maths. We will be offering a babysitting service so we hope to see as many of you as possible.

We look forward to meeting individual needs and seeing positive progress in your child's mathematical ability.

Many thanks

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