

Principal: Jennifer Hall

## Holes

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term Year 5 have been reading Holes by Louis Sachar. The story tells the tale of Stanley Yelnats who believes he is under a curse. A curse that began with his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great - great-grandfather and has since followed generations of Yelnatses. Now Stanley has been unjustly sent to a boys' detention center, Camp Green Lake, where the boys build character by spending all day, every day digging holes exactly five feet wide and five feet deep. There is no lake at Camp Green Lake. But there are an awful lot of holes.

It doesn't take long for Stanley to realize there's more than character improvement going on at Camp Green Lake. The boys are digging holes because the warden is looking for something. But what could be buried under a dried-up lake? Stanley tries to dig up the truth in this inventive and darkly humorous tale of crime and punishment—and redemption.- <http://www.louissachar.com/holes.html>

The students have been very engaged with this novel and on Friday 19 May, we would like to show the students the movie 'Holes' based on the book.

Watching the movie will enable students to explore the way that the screenplay is written and the effect that music, sound effects and dialogue influence the way the audience perceive the story.

This is linked to the Year 5 Australian curriculum standards

- Identify aspects of literary texts that convey details or information about particular social, cultural and historical contexts ([ACELT1608](#))
- Show how ideas and points of view in texts are conveyed through the use of vocabulary, including idiomatic expressions, objective and subjective language, and that these can change according to context ([ACELY1698](#))

As this movie is rated PG for violence, mild language and some thematic elements, parents and carers can choose to have their child opt out. Please let us know if this is your preference.

Students who are unable to watch the movie will be placed in another class with an alternate work program.

Please contact us with any questions.

Thank you,

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