

GRADE 5 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 4, 2014 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Already TERM 4, our last term of the year - unbelievable! We are all set to go after a very busy Term 3 and our great 'Science & Space' study. Check out the multi-media science projects (and keep up to date with all that is happening via the class blogs).

Some key dates for your diaries

Grade 4/5 Camp - Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th October
Student Free day - Monday 3rd November (Melbourne Cup week)
Semester 2 Reports - go home on Friday 12th December
Last day of term - Friday 19th December



Grade 4/5 School Camp

What a way to start the term! Many of our students will be heading off to Anglesea YMCA Camp for our 3-day beach camp in Week 2. We know they will represent our school in the usual fabulous manner. Preparations have been made and briefing sessions held with students to fully prepare them for a memorable experience. (Look out for the 'Last Minute Reminders' note. ☺) A special thank you to our fabulous parent volunteers who will be making this camp possible:

Dot Gleeson, Michelle Ripari, Michael Jaimangal, Stacey Shepard, Danielle Wilson, Rob Gordon, Jo Scott, Jay Radbourne, Shelley Rauner-Smith & Leanne Gorman.

Our non-campers will spend the three days with Miss Onofretchok, who will be running a separate program.



Water Safety

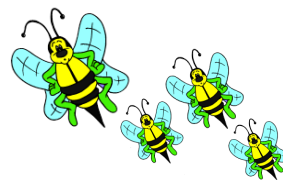
Again, due to the developments at the Wyndham Events Centre, we have sought but been unable to secure cost-effective and suitable alternative facilities to carry out a comprehensive swimming program this year. We are very conscious of the importance of water safety with the upcoming summer holidays, and we will discuss water safety tips with students nearer towards the end of term.



Term 4 Transition Program

In a few weeks, all students at Bellbridge will be involved in transition programs. This will be a chance for our current Grade 5s to look into leadership opportunities for next year.





Term 4 unit of work - Puberty Blues

As part of the Australian national curriculum, the following areas are required to be covered at a Grade 5 level:

- Identification of physical, emotional and/or social changes that occur during puberty.
- Identification and discussion of possible actions they can take if they feel unsafe at home, school and/or in the community.
- Identification of factors which affect physical, social and emotional health, both positively and negatively.
- Identification of the key features of a range of health services, products and/or information.
- Classification of foods into food selection models.



To address these aspects of the curriculum, we will also be running a program consisting of 3 one-hour sessions, starting in Week 6, where a visiting specialist teacher will introduce the basics of puberty, the need for personal hygiene, and allow the students to ask questions to help them prepare for this potentially difficult life stage. The program will be a prelude to a more comprehensive program offered in Grade 6.



Soccer Bellbridge Cup & Earn and Learn sessions



Our term will end with a short teamwork project, similar to what we ran last year. Each student will be involved in a range of activities to build camaraderie. We look forward to an 'active' finish to the school year.

As part of our numeracy program, we will also be running Earn & Learn sessions, which will be a fun way to introduce Economics and financial management skills.



Term 4 Homework and ongoing communication (notes for absences please)

Homework will begin in Week 3 (due to camp in Week 2), and continue each week throughout term. It will follow a similar format to Term 3. Please add comments on your child's progress, as well as signing the diary each night.

Well done to the many students who achieved 100% attendance in Term 3. We have, unfortunately, had some high absences and poor punctuality from some students. If your child is absent for any reason can you please ensure they return to school with a written note explaining the absence.



We look forward to working in partnership with you again this term and achieving further great success.

Regards,

The Grade 5 Team. ☺