

GRADE 6 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 3, 2015 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to Term 3. This term poses to be a very busy term with lots of exciting and engaging programs planned for students.

Important Term 3 Dates:

13th July- Term 3 begins

13th August: School Athletics Carnival @ the V.U Athletics track.

20th August: Suzanne Cory High School Science Excursion

31st Aug- 4th Sept: Literacy & Numeracy Week

14th-18th September: Mt Morton Camp

18th September: Last day of Term 3.

Grade 6 Camp - Mt. Morton 14th Sept - 18th Sept

Grade 6 Camp is this term from Monday 14th September until Friday 18th September. Full payment is required by 21st August. Thank you to those families that have already paid or are making regular installments. Students who are attending camp will receive further information throughout the term.

If you have not already done so, could you ensure you return your medical information form and any other outstanding camp notes.

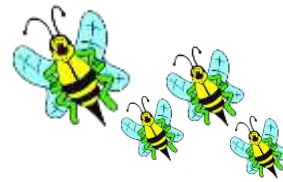


Term 3 Inquiry Unit- Our Wild World

Our Wild World Inquiry unit will see students learning about the adaptations of living and non-living organisms in our world. Students will carry out experiments on plants to determine how they adapt to different environments and conditions. Students will also be exploring Natural Disasters that have and are occurring within Australia and around the world.

Mathematics

Students will be applying their understanding of the four operations to decimals, fractions and percentages. They will develop their understanding of number sequences and apply algebraic equations to complete number sentences. Using practical applications, they will be estimating, testing, calculating and recording the probability of a variety of events. They will also be working with 3D shapes and using capacity and volume to measure these objects.

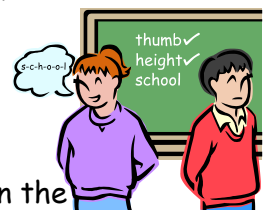


English

Students will continue to develop their opinion-based reading skills from a variety of text types, using literal and inferred information to justify and support their point of view. They will be writing scientific reports based on observed experiments, explanations and information reports on a research topic.

Spelling Bee & Maths Competition

All classes will be running spelling competitions in order to select entries for the 2015 Wyndham Spelling Bee competition. There will be one entry in the 3/4 and 5/6 grade levels, with the Wyndham final to be held on the evening of Tuesday 18th August. We will also be running an in-house Maths competition, allowing small class teams to challenge other grades their mental calculation and problem-solving skills.



Netbooks

The Grade 6 students continue to participate in the netbook program, building on the great work and skill development. Please ensure home users bring their netbooks to school each day, fully charged.

On-going Communication

Diaries have been given to all students and we ask that they are checked and signed by parents each week. This is a great way for the students to organise their school and homework demands, also ensuring parents and teachers have effective two-way communication with each other. Students are expected to have their diary with them at all times. We ask a parent/guardian to sign their child's diary each week as it will be checked and signed off by the classroom teacher.

Student Absences & Lateness

Please remember that if your child is late or absent from school, a note explaining the absence should be sent to the classroom teacher.

Uniforms

It is important that all students are wearing correct uniform when at school. We expect all students to wear the appropriate school colours in our uniform which is light blue polo shirt, red jumper or jacket and navy blue shorts, track pants or trousers. Grade 6 students are allowed to wear their Grade 6 'hoodie', however the hood should remain off their head whilst at school. It is also expected that students with hair at or below their shoulders tie their hair up.

We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout Term 3.

Regards,
Grade 6 Team