

GRADE 5 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 2, 2018~

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! We hope everyone is rejuvenated and ready for another busy term!

Some key dates for your diaries:

Gr 3-6 Cross Country - Monday 23rd April
ANZAC Day public holiday - Wednesday 25th April
School Photos - Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd May
NAPLAN - Tuesday 15th - Friday 18th May
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - Monday 11th June
School Curriculum Day - Tuesday 12th June
Semester 1 Reports sent home - Friday 22nd June
Parent/Teacher Interviews - Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th June
End of Term 2 - Friday 29th June (1:40pm dismissal)



Grade 4/5 Camp 2018 - Notes of Interest

Our school camp will be in Term 4 this year, from Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th October. We will be heading off on our beach camp to Anglesea Beach Camp, Anglesea. In order to make preparations and finalise costs, we will be sending out notes of interest early this term.

It would be great if all our Grade 4/5 students could attend, to build some great life-long skills. We understand that it's a large financial commitment and we will therefore provide payment plans to try and help stagger costs.



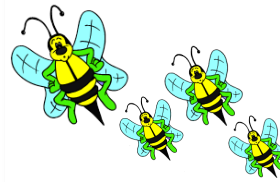
NAPLAN

In week 5, our Grade 5s will be sitting the NAPLAN tests; this year these will be all done online for the first time. The students will be well prepared, but we must stress that this is just a one-off assessment and it is important that students should not feel exceptionally stressed. There will be no homework set in week 5, and we ask that normal routines are provided at home so that children are refreshed for each day and suffering no additional anxieties. We would greatly appreciate that all students arrive punctually each day, with their netbooks fully charged, as late arrival not only affects the start to that student's day, but also their fellow classmates. We wish our students well!

Mid-Year Reports and Parent Meetings

Thank you to all those parents who attended the introductory parent meetings, helping to establish strong partnerships for the best outcomes of our students. Later this term, teachers will prepare Semester 1 reports for each student, to give you an indication of the academic progress made so far this year. There will then be follow up parent meetings in the last week of term, where there will be the opportunity to discuss the report in more detail. We encourage that students and parents share these reports together and discuss learning goals for Semester 2.





Term 2 Homework

Homework will begin again in week 2, and continue each week throughout term, except week 5 (NAPLAN week). It will follow a similar format to Term 1, and will continue to be handed out and explained on Monday and expected back each Friday for correction.

Term 2 Inquiry Unit - "Such was Life" - Life in the Australian Colonies in the 1800s

This term's project will focus on history and geography skills, looking primarily at the period after settlement until the late 1800s. The project will have a more local 'Victoria' focus, looking at why local townships were established and what were the general living conditions at the time. A specific learning area will look at the impact of the Gold Rush and how this helped shape many parts of Victoria. We will also consider the many viewpoints regarding the famous bushranger Ned Kelly - villain or victim? Students will develop a better understanding of chronology and how to interpret historical evidence. Each student will also choose an area of history to study and create an individual research project.



English in Term 2

Students will continue to be expected to complete 20-30 minutes of independent reading in class each day. During this time, teachers will be completing one-on-one reading conferences with students, to determine appropriate reading goals for your child. Reading activities in class will involve focusing on a range of comprehension strategies, to develop our students' abilities to infer meaning from a range of text types. In writing sessions, students will be continuing with narrative writing. They will also be introduced to information report writing later this term, and will be completing projects (as well as an oral presentation) on an area relating to our inquiry unit.

Maths in Term 2

In Maths this term, students will be undertaking activities in the first few weeks to prepare them for NAPLAN testing. They will be using practice tests to become familiar with the specific layout and demands of the online test, and will work through past examples of tricky questions, both individually, in pairs and as a class. Later in the term, students will be undertaking a unit of work on fractions, decimals and percentages, as well as a measurement and geometry unit which will focus on area, perimeter and mass. Grade 5 students will also partake in Maths Workshops aimed at providing support in areas of need and an opportunity to extend our students who excel in mathematics.

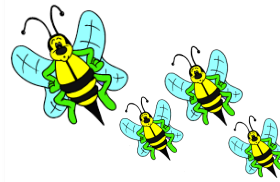
Grade 5 Netbooks - Blogging / Coding & Claymation Fun!!

The 1:1 netbook program continues to grow and support student learning in many ways. Thank you for your outstanding support of the program! Any parents who still wish to make the second installment, can still do so, allowing your child to have use of their netbook at home, with full insurance coverage. As you will have noticed with the homework layout, there is a large emphasis on incorporating netbook skills and utilising programs we have introduced in class.



This term's skills focus will re-visit Claymation work, which students were introduced to in Grade 4. They will create short animations in association with their topic study, looking at advanced skills in using cameras, editing and post production. **We look forward to a great animation Oscars awards!!!**

We will also introduce simple Coding skills using Scratch programming software.



Blogging Time

In Term 1, students studied cyber-safety issues and appropriate online behaviours. They were then introduced to the use of class blogs. Each child had the opportunity to create their own blog template, with the best ideas being incorporated into the class blog. These class blogs will be launched in Term 2, acting as a 'window into our classrooms', to help celebrate the great work being done in school. Our class blogs are as follows:

Grade 5A: www.grade5a2018.global2.vic.edu.au

Grade 5B: www.grade5b2018.global2.vic.edu.au

Grade 5C: www.grade5c2018.global2.vic.edu.au

Grade 5D: www.grade5d2018.global2.vic.edu.au



Passwords will be provided to access these sites very soon, and all comments will be checked before posting online. We welcome your feedback on how we are doing.

Specialist Programs

Students will continue to receive specialist tuition in the areas of Physical Education, Art, Performing Arts and S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). There may also be the opportunity for Grade 5s to participate in interschool sports with our Grade 6 students again this term, which will begin in week 3.

Bike Education

The Bike Education sessions in Term 1 were a huge success! It was great to see so many students bringing their own bikes and helmets to school, and watching the development of their skill level over the course of the term. We will be continuing with Bike Education this term, weather dependant, with sessions planned for Tuesday of week 3, 6, 9 and 10. Stay tuned!

Grade 5 Earn and Learn Program

We will continue with our class rewards program, where students can earn money tokens for good work and leadership behaviours.

We look forward to working in partnership with you again this term and having a very successful end to the first semester.

Regards, Grade 5 Team. ☺

