

# GRADE 5 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 2 2019 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians,  
Welcome back! We hope everyone is rejuvenated and ready for another busy term!

## Key Dates

Tuesday 23/4 - First day of Term 2 (the day after Easter Monday)  
 Thursday 25/4 - ANZAC Day (No school)  
 Monday 29/4 - District Cross Country  
 Tuesday 7/5 & Wednesday 8/5 - School Photos (schedule to be provided)  
 Thursday 9/5 - Mother's Day Stall  
 Tuesday 14/5 - Writing NAPLAN  
 Wednesday 15/5 - Reading NAPLAN  
 Thursday 16/5 - Language Conventions NAPLAN  
 Friday 17/5 - Numeracy NAPLAN  
 Friday 17/5 - Walk Safely to School Day  
 Thursday 23/5 - REAL Robotics Event  
 Thursday 30/5 - Grade 5/6 Graffiti Prevention and Life Skills Incursion  
 Monday 3/6 - Curriculum Day (No school for students)  
 Wednesday 5/6 - Grade 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion  
 Monday 10/6 - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday (No school for students)  
 Thursday 20/6 - Grade 3-6 Athletics Carnival  
 Monday 24/6, Tuesday 25/6 & Wednesday 26/6 - Parent-Teacher Meetings  
 Friday 28/6 - Last day of Term 2 (1:40pm dismissal)



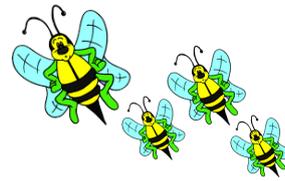
## Assemblies

Assemblies will be held in the school gym at 1:50pm sharp on the following Fridays, except the last day of term being earlier:

Prep-2	3/5	10/5 Whole School	24/5	7/6	21/6	28/6 1:10 Whole School
Gr 3-6	26/4		17/5	31/5	14/6	

## Term 2 Homework

Homework will begin again in Week 2 and continue each week throughout term, except Week 4 (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.



### **Grade 4/5 Camp 2019 - Notes of Interest**

Our school camp will be in Term 4 this year, from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. We will be heading off on our bush camp to Arrabri Lodge, Warburton. 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. The estimated cost will be approximately \$290. 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 4, our Grade 5s will be sitting the NAPLAN tests. Just like 2018, this year NAPLAN tests will be done online. 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 4, 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, as late arrival not only affects the start to that student's day, but also their fellow classmates. Please also ensure that they bring their netbooks to school each day, fully charged. We wish our students well!

### **Semester 1 Reports and Parent-Teacher Meetings**

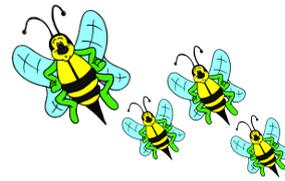
Thank you to all those parents who attended the introductory parent-teacher meetings in Term 1, helping to establish strong partnerships for the best outcomes of our students. Later this term, teachers will prepare Semester 1 reports for each student, to give you an indication of the academic progress made so far this year. There will then be follow up parent-teacher 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 Inquiry Unit: "Such was Life" - Life in Australian Colonies in the 1800s**

This term's inquiry focus will be 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 examining the general living conditions at the time. We'll look into 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 Maths.

### Grade 5 Netbooks - Blogging & Claymation fun!

The 1:1 netbook program continues to grow and support student learning in many ways.

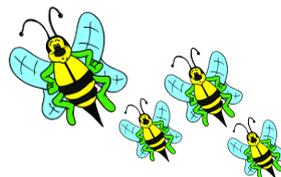
Thank you for your outstanding support of the program! Any parents who still wish to make the second installment can still do so, allowing your child to have use of their netbook at home, with full insurance coverage. As you will have noticed with the homework layout, there is a



large emphasis on incorporating netbook skills and utilising programs we have introduced in class. This term, students 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 techniques. **We look forward to great animations being presented at our Oscars awards!**

### 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 dependent, with sessions planned for Tuesday of Week 2 (30/4), 5 (21/5), & 9 (18/6). Stay tuned!



### **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.grade5a2019.global2.vic.edu.au](http://www.grade5a2019.global2.vic.edu.au)

Grade 5B: [www.grade5b2019.global2.vic.edu.au](http://www.grade5b2019.global2.vic.edu.au)

Grade 5C: [www.grade5c2019.global2.vic.edu.au](http://www.grade5c2019.global2.vic.edu.au)

Grade 5D: [www.grade5d2019.global2.vic.edu.au](http://www.grade5d2019.global2.vic.edu.au)



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

### **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 this term.

### **Grade 5 Earn and Learn Program**

We will continue with our class rewards program, where students can earn money tokens for good work and exemplary behaviours. This program works in conjunction with our effective SWPBS program at Bellbridge.



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. 😊