

GRADE 5 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 3, 2018 ~

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Semester 2, already! We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for another busy term.

Some key dates for your diaries:

Australian Maths Competition - Thursday 9th August (selected students from Grade 3-6)

Science Week - Monday 13th August to Friday 17th August

Crazy Hair Day - Friday 17th August

Book Week - Monday 20th August to Friday 24th August

District Athletics - Monday 20th August

Wyndham Spelling Bee - Thursday 23rd August

Melbourne Writer's Festival - Tuesday 28th August (Selected Grade 5 & 6 students)

Father's Day stall - Thursday 30th August

Grade 5/6 Hoop Time - Thursday 6th September

Subway Lunch - Thursday 20th September

Last day of term (1:40pm dismissal) - Friday 21st September

2018 Grade 4/5 Camp Program

We have had a good response for this year's Grade 4/5 School Camp, to be held at Anglesea Beach Camp, Anglesea (Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th October - second week of Term 4). Thanks to all the parents who volunteered to help. We have selected a spread of parents from across the team, and look forward to their participation, which for many will be their first camp experience - good luck!



In the next few weeks, we will be sending out medical and dietary forms and we ask that these are returned promptly, along with any outstanding payments by the due dates (next instalment of \$70 is due by Friday 3rd August), in order that we can make the best preparation for another fun camp. Towards the end of term, students will have some 'teamwork' sessions, where they will learn more about what will happen at camp, be issued with equipment lists and provide their preferences for cabin groups.



Grade 4/5 Sport Rotations

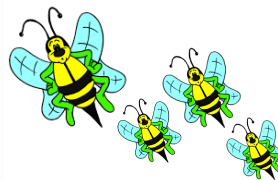
The Grade 4 and 5 teams will be running a series of sport rotations this term, introducing students to new sports and skills. This will be an opportunity for students to work in teams, develop sportsmanship qualities, and work with different teachers across grade levels, in preparation for the Grade 4/5 camp program at the start of Term 4.



Bike Ed. Program

The Grade 5 students have made great progress in developing their bike skills in the first semester, with 100% of students achieving initial skills assessment standards. We will continue to develop these skills further this term, looking at early road safety awareness (*please note all sessions this term will continue to take place in school grounds or on the public footpaths of Skeleton Creek*). In order to maximise bike riding skill development, it would be most beneficial if your child could bring in their bike and helmet from home for these sessions, due to the limited number of spare bikes we have at school. Thanks for your continued support.





Blogging

In Semester 1, students studied cyber-safety issues and appropriate online behaviours. They were then introduced to the use of class blogs. These class blogs were launched last term with great success, acting as a 'window into our classrooms' to help celebrate the great work being done in school. Our class blogs can be accessed via the following sites:

Grade 5A: <http://grade5a2018.global2.vic.edu.au> Grade 5B:

<http://grade5b2018.global2.vic.edu.au>

Grade 5C: <http://grade5c2018.global2.vic.edu.au> Grade 5D: <http://grade5d2018.global2.vic.edu.au>

Access passwords are provided to students (please ask your child) and all comments are checked before posting online. We welcome your feedback on how we are doing.



Term 3 Inquiry Unit – Spectacular Science (Our Place in Space)

This term, we will be completing a science unit, learning about the make-up of our Earth and its' place in the Solar System. Students will conduct a variety of experiments to see how different materials change between states of matter. They will then explore the wonders of the universe, looking at famous scientists and important discoveries.



English in Term 3

This term, our Grade 5 classes will work on 'Book Clubs', focusing on applying a range of comprehension strategies to whole-class or group texts. In writing, we will be studying procedural writing for the first four weeks of term, and then focusing on explanation writing for the remainder of the term. This term, all classes will be running spelling competitions in order to select entries for the 2018 Wyndham Spelling Bee competition. There will be one entry at the Grade 5/6 level, with the Wyndham final to be held on the evening of Thursday 23rd August. Each class will continue working on weekly 'Spelling Investigations', where we focus on the likely spelling for sounds within words, and making a range of generalisations about these.



Maths in Term 3

Some key concepts being covered this term include: area, volume, capacity, mass, factors, multiples, number patterns, fractions, decimals and two and three-dimensional objects. Our Grade 5 students will continue to be involved in regular problem-solving challenges, where they apply a range of strategies to open-ended problems. We will also continue with our weekly Grade 5 Maths Challenges, with a trophy awarded to the winning class at assembly every Friday. Selected students will also have the opportunity to take part in the Australian Mathematics Competition.



Green Screen Technology and Multi-Media Project

So far this year, students have learned various movie-making techniques, including creating short Claymation movies during their study of Australian history. This term, we will look at advanced animation techniques, using Kahootz software. Students will be introduced to 'green screening'. This involves capturing short pieces of video and super-imposing these into a variety of virtual backgrounds. They will then create a multi-media project using these techniques. 'The Universe is their oyster!'



Earn and Learn Program

Last term, many students enjoyed a 'gold class' rewards session for their outstanding efforts in class and on homework tasks. We will continue with our class rewards program, where students can earn "earn and learn money" for good work and leadership behaviours. They will have further opportunities to purchase a variety of rewards this term.

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

Regards, Grade 5 Team. ☺