

GRADE 5 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 3, 2021 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you and your child have had a relaxing break and are ready for our action-packed Semester 2 of learning!

KEY DATES:

Monday 19/7 and Wednesday 21/7 School Photos
 Friday 23/7 Grades 3-6 Athletics Day
 4/8 or 5/8 Serendip Sanctuary Excursion
 Friday 6/8 CURRICULUM DAY (student-free)
 Monday 9/8-Friday 13/8 Book Week
 Monday 9/8 Book Week Dress Up Day
 Wednesday 11/8 Family Science Night
 Monday 16/8- Friday 20/8 Buddies Week and Science Week
 Monday 6/9-Friday 10/9 eSmart Week
 Thursday 9/9 R U OK? Day
 Friday 17/9 Term 3 ends (1:40pm dismissal)



**Keep up to date with key dates by looking at the front page of the monthly school newsletter and referring to our school website's calendar.*

ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

Parent attendance at school assemblies is still not possible until further notice.

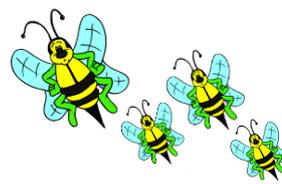
Assemblies will be held for staff and students at approx. 1:50pm on the following Fridays, except the last day of term (1:10pm start).

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
16/7	23/7	30/7	6/8	13/8	20/8	27/8	3/9	10/9	17/9
P-2	3-6	P-2	No assembly	3-6	P-2	3-6	P-2	3-6	P-6

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

The Resilience Project is a means of promoting positive mental health through practising gratitude, empathy, resilience and emotional literacy. P-6 classes engage in weekly lessons, which involve students completing an associated journal activity. The Resilience Project lessons align with the Victorian Curriculum and address aspects of: Personal and Social Capabilities and Health and Physical Education learning areas. If you'd like to see how to support this program at home, visit: <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/>.

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.



2021 GRADE 4/5 CAMP PROGRAM

We have had a good response for this year's Grade 4/5 School Camp, to be held at Arrabri Lodge, Warburton (Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th October - second week of Term 4). Thanks to all the parents who volunteered to help. We will be selecting a group 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 (first instalment of \$100 is due by Sunday 18th July), 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.



TERM 3 INQUIRY UNIT: The world and it's place in Space!

Students will begin the unit by looking at different biomes (environments) and how animals have adapted to survive in these environments. We will then focus on Natural Disasters, which will include working as part of a group to conduct research and present their findings in an interactive informative way. Students will then learn about the Sun and its importance, the Earth and its layers, as well as the other planets within our solar system.

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 begin by unpacking the steps to writing an information report and the features of non-fiction texts. We will then continue onto explanation texts where students will explain an area of personal interest to them about Space. Each class will continue working on weekly 'Spelling Investigations', where we focus on the likely spelling for sounds within words, and make a range of generalisations about these. Students will develop their speaking and listening skills by working in small groups to research and present their findings on Natural Disasters.

MATHEMATICS IN TERM 3

The concepts that we will focus on in Maths this term are: units of measurement (time, length, perimeter, area, volume, capacity, mass and temperature), angles and graphing. Students will continue to be involved in regular problem-solving challenges where they apply a range of strategies to solve open-ended problems. They will also be part of weekly maths workshops that allow for targeted learning on specific number concepts.

EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM

Last term, many students enjoyed a 'gold class' reward 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.

Regards,
Grade 5 Teachers.