

Grade 5 Term 2 Newsletter

The children have settled back into term 2 well, definitely more enthusiastic about the prospect of finding gold on the Ballarat goldfields than having to sit the NAPLAN! It hopefully isn't as daunting this year with their prior experience in grade 3.

NAPLAN dates:

Tuesday, 9 th May:	Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday, 10 th May:	Reading
Thursday, 11 th May:	Numeracy
Friday, 15 th May:	Make up tests for anyone who has been absent - up to 2 tests max



We have been working hard with our writing, on the structure of paragraphs, whilst ensuring we engage the reader. The children loved creating their own Vox Pop questions last term, to view different opinions and the reasoning behind them. Our debating challenges saw a fierce competition between grades; it's a lot harder to convince your peers than you may think! The children also loved sharing their narrative letters from the Gallipoli trenches, back home. Maths has been very busy with a combination of hands on making 3D models, as well as translation and location work. The students are now working on fractions and decimals.

CAFE: The Literacy CAFE reading program helps students understand and master the four key components of successful reading: Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expanding Vocabulary.

Teachers use The CAFE System to assess, instruct and monitor student progress. Each student has personal goals with regards to their reading, this program engages students, fostering ownership and accountability to reach their goals.



Homework Rubric: We are thrilled to see how the majority of children are fulfilling all their non-negotiable Mathematics tasks as one of their homework activities, with quite a number receiving gold certificates so far this year. The homework rubric seems to be a popular option amongst the students, with those who enjoy an extra challenge choosing to complete all the options. As an encouragement and reward for those students who complete all requirements every week, the grade fives will be holding a class party in the last week of term. Students who have not completed their homework tasks, without a note from home, will be supervised in another classroom whilst the party and games are celebrated.

Camp (Wed 21st-Fri 23rd June): Thank you to those who have already returned their deposit/full payment. Please ensure that the medical forms, (that are attached with this newsletter) are fully completed and returned ASAP. Please note the extra question on Panadol permission that needs your additional signature. If your child has any dietary concerns please return the form as quickly as possible. As we have Mrs Pauline Collins attending camp this year, (as our official First Aid Officer) we only have 4 places available for extra helpers. Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in coming to camp. Your support is greatly



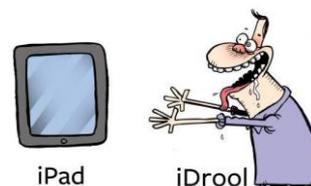
appreciated and we will let you know as soon as we have made a decision so as you can arrange time off work.

\$150.00 deposit - due Monday, 8th May 2017

\$175.00 balance - due Tuesday, 13th June 2017

iPads:

The iPad program is an engaging learning tool which when used under teacher instruction for research, presentations and learning in the 21st century, is a total success. We are overall really thrilled with the maturity and cybersmart usage that is generally being displayed. Once again we cannot stress enough how important it is that all electronics should only be used in an open area where supervision is available; bedrooms are definitely not appropriate for electronic devices as it can be too tempting for children to use them inappropriately. We are looking for your support in this matter.



Seesaw:

All Grade 5 students have been using an app called Seesaw, which is a secured space for students to create their own digital portfolio. Within their portfolio, students are able to create different samples of their learning. It may include written, video and audio reflections. As a parent you will be able to be connected to your child's portfolio and observe their learning journey. To enable connection to your child's Seesaw portfolio just follow the steps provided in the letter at the end of the newsletter.



We see this as an important way to keep you more connected with your child's learning. If you experience any difficulties creating your account, please contact your child's teacher for help.

Important Dates term 2:

Date:	Event/ Reminder:
1st May	Curriculum Day- Bryan Jeffrey - Anxiety speaker 6-7:30pm free event
2nd May	MESC market 11:15am-12:15pm bring along some pocket money to purchase some goodies
9 th -11 th May	NAPLAN
12 th May	NAPLAN Catch-up day
12th May	Mother's Day Stall
15 th May - 9am-1pm	House Cross Country
22nd May	Assembly presentation
26th May	District Cross Country- Peninsula Grammar
12 th June	Queen's Birthday holiday
13 th June	Balance of Camp money due
15th June	Year 6 Market Day
21st-23rd June	Sovereign Hill Camp
28th June - 3:30- 7:30pm	Parent Teacher Interviews
29th June	Curriculum Day - Parent Teacher Interviews
30th June	Morning assembly
30th June	Early dismissal 2:30pm

Thanks again for your continued support.

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