

Grade 5 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 3

It's amazing to think how quickly first semester passed and we are beginning the second half of the year! It certainly was a very busy last term, but also extremely exciting with gold fever and loads of learning. This term looks no less hectic and possibly a little crazier with everything that is already locked in - so be prepared for students to immerse themselves in Asian cultures and show how they contribute to our nation's diversity.



This term's Inquiry Topic is: **ASIAN - Australian Students Investigating Asian Neighbours.**

- Students will understand through exploration both the richness and diversity of a variety of Asian cultures, as well as some of the difficulties and issues they face.
- Students will understand the countries in the Asian region are Australia's closest neighbours and there are many cultural and economic links between these countries.
- Students will understand Australia is a country where many different cultures are represented and each one contributes to our nation's diversity.

Sovereign Hill Camp:

Sovereign Hill was an amazing and thoroughly enjoyable experience for your children, with some turning out to be very successful gold prospectors! We are sure you've heard about the many varied, challenging and unusual experiences they encountered whilst on camp, but the highlight for most was the Light and Sound Show as well as the mine tour - 'Trapped'.

A big 'thank you' to all parents that assisted on camp, you were all fantastic with the support you gave not only the teachers, but also the children on camp; very much appreciated!

Don't forget to order your child's photos on line. www.sovereignhill.com.au/schoolphotos

Gallery password: eRfe26



Literacy Circles:

This is a little like book club! The children will be placed into reading groups and given a text suitable for their Lexile level. They will each be lent a school novel and will be required to read up to a designated page and then complete an activity suitable for their "Literacy Role". It is planned for this unit of work to be completed in class time. If you have any questions about the Literacy Circles activities, or your child seems unsure of his/her expectation, please ask your teacher.



Homework Expectations:

The homework matrix will be given out in week 2; all compulsory activities must be signed off by a parent/guardian each week. (Unless arranged otherwise with your teacher). All students that meet the requirements will be invited to a Movie and Pizza night at the end of term.



Weekly year level up-date:

At the end of each week we will be sending out a brief outline of the following week's overview. It will be uploaded to Flexibuzz and should be viewed only as a guide.

Cooking:

Yummo! Cooking is back! The Grade 5's will begin their 'cooking' sessions this term, which is fantastic. Thank you for your support as the Cooking Program could not run without the volunteers assisting. Hopefully the students will continue to learn an appreciation for different foods and tastes throughout the term, as well as build on the kitchen skills they have already acquired over the previous years. Recipes will be available online. Jane Barnett is our new Cooking Specialist and if you haven't yet volunteered and would like to do so - even for one week please advise your child's teacher.



Maths:

As a whole school approach to Maths we are investigating the 8 Key Factors and how we can incorporate this into students' learning, the 8 Key Factors are as follows:

1.	Teach Maths as a Language: Talk Maths using Maths Vocabulary
2.	Teachers understand and focus on the Big Ideas
3.	Teach Mathematical concepts using Children's Literature and 'Real Life' Maths
4.	Topic based approach: Approximately 2 to 3 weeks per topic
5.	Pre & Post Test Topics
6.	Teach Automatic Response
7.	Teach the 8 Problem Solving Strategies
8.	Student Reflection and Evaluation

As Grade 5 teachers we encourage a culture of questioning and risk-taking within learning.

Grade 5 ICT: 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 reflections about their learning. It includes written, video and audio reflections. As a parent you are able to be connected to your child's portfolio and observe their learning journey. To be connected to your child's Seesaw portfolio just follow the steps provided on the note with our last Grade 5 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.



RACV ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH INFORMATION EVENING **Tuesday, 8th August, 2017**

There will be an Information Evening held on Tuesday, 8th August (fourth week of term 3) at 6.00pm in the Old Hall for parents and students interested in participating in the RACV Energy Breakthrough (Pushcarts an HPV).

The information covered on the night will include:

- Details of the competition format
- The financial outlays (sponsorships)
- Time commitments required by each family and student
- Approximate dates for training
- Scheduled dates for competition

Due to the fact that participating in the event is a "family affair", it is expected that a parent attend the meeting in order to fully appreciate the scale of commitment required.

The meeting will commence at 6.00pm and should be finished by 7.00pm at the latest.

2017 SENIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION UPDATE: BEAUTY AND THE BEAST **Monday, 4th and Tuesday, 5th September, Frankston Arts Centre**

This year's production is set in the 50's, definitely an era of leather and Brylcream.

In order to keep costs to a minimum we are asking that all students provide their own 50's style costume. Think Rock 'n' Roll, think Grease, think Happy Days, think Elvis!

So raid your dress up boxes, op shops and your own personal wardrobes to see what you can find. Items such as swing skirts, jeans, white t-shirts, leather jackets; white bobby socks would be what we're looking for.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, 27th July: Australian Maths Competition for those who have entered.

Tuesday, 8th August: RACV Parent Information evening.

Monday, 14th August: Grade 5 assembly presentation.

Thursday, 17th August: Full-day Whole School Concert rehearsal - school as normal for those **not** participating.

Monday, 21st - Friday, 25th August: Book Week.

Wednesday, 23rd August: 'WIZ' production by MESC at George Jenkins Theatre.

Wednesday, 30th August - Friday, 1st September: Father's Day Stall.

Monday, 4th & Tuesday, 5th September: Whole School Concert at Frankston Arts Centre.

Wednesday, 13th September: ASIAN Expo Grade 5.

Tuesday, 19th September: Grade 5 Planning Day- specialists for the day.

Friday, 22nd September: Last day of term 3 - Morning Assembly and 2.30 pm dismissal.

Date to be Confirmed: Movie Night for students who have completed all homework expectations.

Once again, please feel free to pop into our classrooms for a look around or to make a time to catch up with your child's teacher.

Kind regards,

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