

YEAR 6 TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

DIARY DATES:

- Tuesday 25th July - Silly Science IncurSION
- Wednesday 26th July - St John Ambulance IncurSION
- Wednesday 2nd August - ICAS English
- Thursday 3rd August - Netball Championships
- Friday 4th August - Sister School Arrives
- Wednesday 9th August - Life Ed Van Arrives
- Friday 11th August - Sister School Depart
- Tuesday 15th August - ICAS Maths
- Thursday 17th August - Elite Aths Carnival
- Friday 18th August - Life Ed Van Departs
- Monday 21st August - Character Dress Up Day
- Friday 25th August - Tinkering IncurSION
- Wednesday 30th August - Lilydale High - Bring It On
- Thursday 31st August - Dad's Night
- Monday 4th September - Assembly - Poetry Winners Present
- Thursday 7th September - Summer Inter School Sports
- Friday 8th September - Reading Challenge Ends
- Friday 15th September - Portfolios go home
- Monday 18th September - Circus Full Day Dress Rehearsal
- Tuesday 19th September - Circus Night 1 Performance
- Tuesday 19th September - Portfolios due back
- Wednesday 20th September - Circus Night 2 Performance
- Friday 22nd September - End Term 3
- Monday 9th October - Term 4 Starts
- Thursday 21st December - Graduation
- Friday 22nd December - Term 4 Ends

Welcome back to Term 3. It was great to meet with parents for Interviews at the end of Term 2 to celebrate your child's achievements and also to receive feedback about your child's report and portfolio. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child, please feel free to email your class teacher. All our email addresses are on the school website.

REMINDERS

Mobile phones and expensive electronic equipment are not permitted at school. The school will not take responsibility for any loss or damage. If mobile phones are essential for activities outside of school, they must be signed in at the office as soon as students arrive at school and signed out and collected after 3:30pm.

ENGLISH

In English some areas that we will be focusing on in Term 3 are; reading comprehension, persuasive writing, grammar as well as regular spelling and oral presentations. It has been pleasing to see a number of students participating in the Reading Challenge this year. The Reading Challenge concludes on Friday 8th September with all books needing to be entered online. Students will also be using the computer program Literacy Planet in class to support, consolidate and extend their knowledge and understandings in spelling. Children can log in to Literacy Planet at home with their unique user name and password. A free app can be installed onto iPads.

MATHEMATICS

In Mathematics this term the major focuses will be fractions/decimals/percentages, length, area, capacity, BODMAS and number patterns. Students will also be using the computer program Mathletics in class to support, consolidate and extend their knowledge and understandings in Mathematics. Children can log in to Mathletics at home with their unique user name and password.

INTEGRATED STUDIES

During Term 3, our Integrated Curriculum unit is 'All Things Science'. Students will participate in weekly Science rotations as well as participate in two science incursions. Silly Science (Tuesday 25th July) and Tinkering (Friday 25th August) incursions involve students being in small groups to complete various investigations and experiments. A permission notice for all Term 3 activities, including these two incursions, was sent home towards the end of last term and was due back to school on Friday 30th June.

STUDENT WELLBEING

In Term 3 our focus is on Drug Education, in particular safety around drugs, peer pressure and understanding prescription and non-prescription drugs. Children will visit the Life Education Van this term and discuss topics in class such as positive decision making, healthy habits, peer pressure and the effects of drugs and alcohol on our health.

CYBER SAFETY

Students will also be learning about Cyber Safety focussing on being safe and protecting themselves when using the internet and social media. We encourage you to discuss this important information with your child. We understand that our students are keen users of a variety of social media forums. We would encourage you to check in with your child's online activity as already this year we have experienced some unpleasant situations.

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HOMEWORK

Homework will continue this term with some different homework tasks being included with varying due dates to prepare the students for secondary school. It is important that students complete tasks and hand them in on time, ensuring that work is neat and accurate. The children are aware of the consequences for late or incomplete homework. Parental guidance on homework is appreciated so that a balance of sport, leisure and homework can be obtained. It is vital that your child learns to manage their time effectively, especially with secondary school approaching.

POETRY COMPETITION

Year 6 students will be participating in the 2017 Poetry Competition. They have already received their poems. We encourage them to practise them regularly in preparation for delivery to the class on Friday 28th August. Each class will nominate two winners to compete against the other grades to find an overall Year 6 Poetry Competition Winner. Class and year level winners will be presented at assembly on Monday 4th September.

TRANSITION

The final chapter in your child's primary education is drawing to a close. During the next two terms we will continue to concentrate on making the transition to secondary school as smooth as possible. On Wednesday 9th August you will receive a letter from Bimbadeen about your child's placement for 2018. If you don't receive this by the end of August please notify your child's teacher as soon as possible. If, in the meantime, you should change your preference or receive an offer from a non-government school, please notify Mrs Gray, in writing (gray.michaela.l@edumail.vic.gov.au), so that the necessary paperwork can be completed. The Orientation Day has been confirmed as the Tuesday 12th of December.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

The Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will be held in the Multi-Purpose Hall in the final week of Term 4 on the afternoon of Thursday 21st of December. The culmination of primary schooling is a significant milestone for children and is something that we like to acknowledge with an appropriate celebration. Students look forward to this special day, which is a celebration of their primary school years. In recent years, Leigh Johansen and Garry Fowler (principal and assistant principal) held a meeting of interested Year 5 and 6 parents to discuss our graduation and to listen to parents views on what they consider to be appropriate for our Year 6 children. The overwhelming view of the parents was that holding our graduation here at the school in the way that we have done in the past is what they would like to continue. The clear view was that we must ensure that it is age appropriate for 12 year old children and not 'over the top'.

With this in mind we keep the dress code as 'smart-casual' and do not expect parents or children to spend large amounts of money on clothes, hair or make-up. We also consider it inappropriate and discourage students and parents from hiring or borrowing special vehicles for graduation. The expectation is that all students are at school in their classrooms by 11am on Graduation Day. The ceremony commences at 1:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Hall and continues into the afternoon. Parents are asked to be seated by 12:45pm to ensure the ceremony begins by 1pm and is generally finished by 3:30pm. We ask for your understanding that due to the length of the ceremony it is not appropriate for younger siblings to attend the graduation ceremony. There is a long-standing tradition that Year 5 parent volunteers will organise the decorations and a light afternoon tea that is served following the ceremony and that Year 6 parents organise and run the disco which occurs later in the evening, on the same day as graduation. There will be more information about graduation as the time gets closer.

GRADUATION BOOKS

To celebrate the 7 years of primary school life, Year 6 students construct a memory book. Items that can be included involve certificates, photos, awards, etc. that student have received throughout each year. We suggest keeping these items in a safe place ready for collation in **Term 4** of Year 6. The collating is part of set homework during this time and the final product is displayed during graduation.

We are looking forward to another busy term full of activities and learning. Please assist your child be being aware of important diary dates and due dates of notices.

Thanking you, Year 6 Teachers.