



## NEWSLETTER – TERM 3 - 2017

5SB– 5MF – 5MS – 5KA

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to third term – we hope you had a wonderful holiday and are looking forward to another busy term. We appreciated the opportunity to meet and speak to you about your child's progress at the Parent Teacher Interviews.



### INTEGRATED STUDIES

During Term 3, our integrated curriculum unit is Science. We will be looking at areas of chemical and biological science. If you have any resources at home that would be useful for these topics, please feel free to send them to school.

### MATHEMATICS

This term we will be covering Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, Statistics and Probability. Lessons will include work on decimals, fractions, problem solving, multiplication, division, time and probability. We will also be including the Mathletics program in class work.

### ENGLISH

Work has been planned to cover Speaking and Listening, Reading and Writing. Activities will include writing information reports, narratives and poetry as well as various free choice pieces. Students will use the Internet for research purposes and will read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.

This term we will also be holding the annual poetry competition. Students have received the poetry options and will be presenting to their class on *Thursday 27th July*. Two winners per grade will then compete in the Year 5 final.



### VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



It is great to see so many students taking part in the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge. Keep it up! The challenge officially finishes on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September therefore we require all data to be entered on the computer by this date, so it can be verified by Mrs Sansom in the library. All participants need to get their lists signed and handed to their class teacher before the 8<sup>th</sup> of September

### STUDENT WELFARE

During this term our focus is on developing a healthy lifestyle. Lessons will be developed from the Life Education program, which includes a focus on Drug Education. Puberty Education talks will be conducted in Term 4. Our 'You Can Do It' foundation for the term is Persistence, so we will be particularly looking out for students who keep on trying and don't give up when tasks are difficult.

We are beginning our programs 'Mpower' for the girls and 'Rock and Water' for the boys. Both programs help with social and emotional aspects of school life and maintaining positive relationships.



### DIGITAL EXCELLENCE

This term the students will be working towards their Word Processing badge in the Digital Excellence Program.

## **YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

The 10 positions for the 2018 house and school leaders will be determined by the end of Year 5. We have discussed this with the students and we are in the process of finalising the timeline. As in previous years, Year 5 students can apply to take part in a leadership training course during Term 3. The course covers such topics as the characteristics of a good leader and public speaking. **All students are still eligible to apply to be a house/school captain whether they have undertaken the training or not.** More information will follow. Other leadership positions will be determined as usual at the beginning of Year 6.

## **HOMEWORK**

This term homework consists of:

- A Mathematics task.
- An English task.
- Reading for at least 60 minutes each week and keeping a record in their diary.



All homework is kept in their Homework Folders. Students are expected to take responsibility for completing their homework but encouragement and support from parents would be appreciated and we would like you to sign their diary.

**Homework will be given out on a Friday and your child is expected to return homework the following Thursday.**

It is expected that children read for at least 60 minutes per week. We ask that parents continue to encourage children to read a range of materials, for example chapter books, newspapers, magazines, websites and reference books. It is also important to ascertain if your child understands what he/she is reading. As well as listening to them read, asking questions about a character or even a sequence of events will help them to think about the text.

Revising spelling words and times tables practice will assist your child with their classwork.

## **REMINDERS**

### **ON WITH THE SHOW PRODUCTION**

Rehearsals for this year's performance, 'On With The Show' are now in full swing with Wednesday and Friday rehearsals and recess or lunchtime practices. All Year 5 and 6 students are working hard to develop their performance skills to ensure this show is a success. Information regarding costumes was sent home at the end of last term. Information regarding make up and ticketing will be distributed shortly.



**Brain food** - Students may bring in fresh fruit or vegetables to eat while they are working. Students may also keep a water bottle on their desk.

**Rubbish** – No rubbish is allowed in the schoolyard at recess or lunchtime. Please discuss with your child ways of cutting down the rubbish they bring to school e.g., containers or reusable bags instead of glad wrap. Students are encouraged to take any rubbish from their lunchboxes home at the end of the day.

### **Volunteers for Year 6 Graduation Committee –**

In recent years it has become tradition for Year 5 parents to assist with the preparations for Year 6 graduation. This usually includes things such as organising decorations and catering and assisting with set up on the day. We have found that this enables Year 6 parents to enjoy the day with their children.

## Year 6 Graduation Books

To celebrate the 7 years of primary school life, Year 6 students construct a memory book. Items that can be included are: 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.

## IMPORTANT DATES

STARS	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July
Wellbeing programs - Rock and Water (Boys) Mpower (girls)	24/7, 31/7, 14/8, 21/8, 28/8, 4/9, 11/9
Chocolate Drive begins	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July
St John Ambulance Incursion	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July
Leadership training applications due	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> July
Netball Championships (selected students)	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August
Lilydale High School Transition	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> August
Leadership Training (selected students)	31/7, 7/8, 14/8, 21/8, 28/8
Chinese Sister School visit	4 <sup>th</sup> August – 11 <sup>th</sup> August
Chinese Sister School welcome assembly	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> August
Life Ed Fortnight Begins	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August
Elite Athletics (selected students)	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> August
Book Week begins	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> August
Book Week Character Dress Up day	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> August
5KA Radio Show	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August
IMAX and Melbourne Museum Excursion	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> August
Literacy and Numeracy Week begins	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August
STARS	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August
Father's Day stall	To be confirmed
Last day for Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge lists.	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September
5SB Radio Show	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Portfolios go home	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September
'On With The Show' full day dress rehearsal at Karralyka Theatre	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September
Portfolios due back to school	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September
'On With The Show' production night performances 7:30pm at Karralyka Theatre	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September
Last Day of Term 3	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 4

Travelling Kitchen Incursion	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Mooroolbark College All-Rounder Day	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Puberty Talks	To be confirmed

We look forward to a happy and productive term.

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