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Grade 5/6 Newsletter

The week that's been

First off this week a big pat on the back to all of our Grade 5 students who completed the NAPLAN testing last week. All children coped well with these assessments and should be very proud of themselves. NAPLAN results will be released late term 3.

Our Big Write this week is a point of view piece from the perspective of a polar bear. Please discuss polar bears at home with your child as part of their talk homework. You might like to discuss diet, lifestyles and any problems that may threaten the polar bear.

A large number of students are still not returning their diaries each week. We expect all children to be reading each night and recording what they are reading in their diaries. We will be keeping students in at lunchtime who do not fulfil this requirement.

On the topic of reading, Mrs Jordan is organising the Premiers Reading Challenge. If you'd like to join up or require more information please see Mrs Jordan.

Good luck to our Rye Primary School Cross Country Team who will be heading to Trueman's Road Reserve to compete against other runners from all schools in our District. If your child is competing, please pop down and help us cheer them on.

Important Dates

- 21/5/14 Cross Country District event .
- 22/5/14 Year 6 Secondary School enrolment form due.
- 2/6/14 DRI Ambassadors Peer teaching event.

Notes to be returned

- Year 6 Camp notice
- Year 6 Enrolment form for secondary school

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We are still waiting on some final figures for our Grade 5 camp costing. At this stage the Sovereign Hill camp will cost between \$225 and \$235. This year's Grade 5 camp will take place on the 26th, 27th and 28th of November. A note will be sent home with the final cost, payment plan and lots more information.

Although we would like all children to attend our camps, some students are beginning to demonstrate behaviours that could threaten their chances of attending. We need to be able to trust that students will behave appropriately whenever we leave the school. We spoke to all children about this on Friday. We have developed a three strike rule for camp attendance. To date, no one has a strike and we hope to keep it that way.

Last week we distributed the Term 2 Science Project to our students. They are all very excited about the chance to work in groups and create a short video. Children have chosen an area of science and topic related to the Grade 5 and 6 Curriculum and can explain it in a variety of ways. We will be hosting a science film night later in the term.

Please don't forget that this Friday is a curriculum day, so please don't send your lovely children to school. Our entire staff will be involved in Professional Development on teaching Mathematics.

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING. AS OF NEXT WEEK OUR NEWSLETTER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BE VIEWED ON THE WEBSITE, SO A HARD COPY WILL NOT BE SENT HOME. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET PLEASE ADVISE THE CLASSROOM TEACHER SO THAT A HARD COPY CAN BE GENERATED AND SENT HOME.