



Tuesday 9th February 2016

5/6 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to a new year! The students have all settled back into school life and have been working incredibly hard. We have had a very busy week of assessments, in order for us to obtain an accurate understanding of student needs, in most of the areas of the curriculum.

This week in numeracy we will be looking at the areas of place value and statistics. The students will be working on mini workshops in place value in order to broaden their knowledge of the place value system. In statistics the students will be recording and representing data on a variety of different graphs.

In writing we will be looking at the narrative genre. The students will initially be working on the structure of a narrative piece, concentrating on the areas of orientation, complication, problem resolution and coda.

The year six top note went out last week. In order to get the tops before the end of term could all monies please be returned by Monday 15th February. Just to clarify that short sleeve polos are \$48.00 and long sleeve polos \$52.00.

The Rye Swimming Trials are being held on Wednesday 10th February. All notes and monies should have been returned by today.

Our Rye Primary School swimming squad is up and running again this term. Any capable swimmer from grades 3 – 6 are more than welcome to join us at Colchester pool every Thursday morning 8am – 8.30am. Please see Lauren Eagles or Lesley O’Hanlon for more information on this extra-curricular activity.

We have the Summer Lightning Premierships coming up on Wednesday 23rd March. We will need a lot of volunteers to help run this event. We are looking for people who are able to accompany and supervise each team and perhaps score. Volunteers do require a valid Working with Children card. If you are available to help on the day please see your child’s teacher or Tom Campbell.

On Wednesday 2nd March at 10:30am the students will be involved in the unveiling of the Spider Crab Mosaic at the Rye Foreshore Park. All of the year six students were involved in creating this amazing piece of art work last year.

In an effort to conserve paper we would like to send the newsletter out electronically. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email please fill out the attached slip.

Students have all been given their spelling activities to complete for homework this week. Please note that homework and diaries are to be handed in each Monday morning. Please see below for further information regarding homework expectations.

On Thursday 11th February Bob from the Rye Yacht Club will be coming in to speak to the year six students about the sailing program, which is due to begin the week of 15th February. More information will be sent out soon.

We are starting our new morning reading program next week across the whole school (S.U.R.F). We would love to see some parents in the mornings in our 5/6 grades listening to our students read.

We would like to welcome the new students who have started at our school this year. Conner and Ellie have made a brilliant start to the year and we are so pleased they are at our school! Say hi to them and introduce yourself if you haven't already!

Enjoy the weekend.

Year 5/6 Team – Colleen Carter, Lauren Eagles, Sandra Emile and Gaynor English

Important Dates

- Wednesday 10th February- District Swimming Trials
- Thursday 11th February-Sailing briefing
- Wednesday 24th February- District Swimming
- Wednesday 2nd March-Unveiling of Mosaic
- Wednesday 9th March-Division Swimming
- Wednesday 23rd March-Summer Lightning Premierships

Notes to be returned

- Year Six Polo

HOMEWORK

We have designed our homework tasks to support the students in their learning, targeting areas where we think the students need most assistance. We would expect students to be spending approximately 30 minutes (at the most) a night to complete these activities.

For homework this term we will expect all students to be **reading** at least five nights a week, practising their **spelling** words (in order to receive at least 18/20 on their spelling test) and completing their assigned task. Learning their times tables and continuing to use the **Mathletics** Program. Students have been asked to write their nightly reading into their diary and parents or carers are to sign the diary prior to its being handed in each Monday morning.

If students are not completing their assigned tasks they will be asked to attend a lunch time support group on Monday to complete their homework. Could you please support your children to ensure that their diary and homework is returned to school each Monday.

I would like to receive the newsletter via email.

My email address is _____.

My child's name _____ and Class _____