Grade 4 Newsletter

CAMP

This year the Grade 4 students will be heading to Melbourne for their school camp. The Camp will be early in Term 4, from Monday October 20th until Wednesday October 22nd. At this stage it is taking a bit longer than expected to finalise the itinerary with the camp organisers in Melbourne. As soon we have the final confirmation we will send permission forms home with the children, hopefully within the next week or two.

We are aware that parents and guardians like to have as much time to prepare as possible and know that no one likes expensive, unexpected surprises at the last minute. We are working hard to give you as much notice as possible.

Some of the attractions we will be visiting in Melbourne are: The Melbourne Zoo, Scienceworks, The Queen Victoria Market, IMAX, and Ice Skating @ The Ice House. It is a fantastic camp that will be a memorable experience for all the kids.

SWIMMING

The first swimming lesson this week was sensational. We were lucky enough to have Mrs. Annable join us for the trip to Colchester Road Pool, and she really enjoyed getting to know our lovely grade 4 children and meeting some of the parents that came along to watch.

At the pool children were divided into lanes based on their ability and given specialised instructions to help them improve their strokes and confidence in the water.

Swimming lessons will continue for the next four Tuesdays between 12:00 and 1:00PM.
MINDFULNESS

This week the Grade 4 students participated in the first of five Mindfulness sessions. These sessions aim to help students learn techniques to relax and improve their ability to focus.

In the first session children were asked a series of questions such as “Do you think about other things while you tie your shoe laces?” and “Do you accidentally bump into things or spill drinks?”. Then the children were asked to lie on their backs on the ground and guided through a relaxing meditation. Some children found this quite difficult and had trouble avoiding fidgeting and giggling. Other children relaxed so much they almost fell asleep.

We will continue to have Mindfulness training at 11:30 each Wednesday for the next four weeks.

TABLES

There are quite a few children in grade 4 that know all of their times tables. These kids have been practising at home regularly and can now answer any times table question we throw at them with lightning speed. Other children have been using their spare time in various other ways and now need to catch up.

Knowing your times table facts is vital for solving more difficult problems that will be encountered in maths from now on. It is in every child best interest to memorise them as soon as they can.

We will be regularly testing times tables this term. Those children who haven’t learnt their tables will have to spend some time at school practising. If you already know all of your times tables you are on Easy Street, the rest of you have some work to do.