Grade 4 Newsletter

MATHLETICS

The Grade 4 kids are once again leading the school in Mathletics. Last week they worked so hard they were ranked as the 3rd best group in the country. We have given ourselves a bit of an advantage by placing all 47 kids into one class, but this is still an incredible achievement.

Finn was last week’s champion with 8,553 points. At one stage, he was on the Mathletics leader board as the 8th best student in Australia. The previous week Tylar W earned the most points with 4,782 points.

Over half the grade (29 children) have already finished the grade 4 tests and have been taking grade 5 lessons. There are also 2 clever kids that have already finished the grade 5 tests and are working on grade 6 problems. That’s pretty amazing considering we aren’t even half way through the year!

SWIMMING

Next term we will be travelling to the Colchester Road swimming pool for swimming lessons. The lessons will be on the first 5 Tuesdays of Term 3, between recess and lunch. A permission notice was sent home with the kids this week which needs to be signed by a guardian and returned to school.

Swimming is an important life skill for our children considering our coastal location. Last year we noticed a huge improvement in the ability and confidence of the children over the course of the program. These lessons are also a great chance for the kids planning on trying out for next year’s swimming team to improve their strokes.

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SPECIAL POINT OF INTEREST

- We have finished our science rotations this term. A quick survey of the grade 4 kids showed that all topics we covered this term were popular and educational. Sophia particularly liked learning about erosion with Miss Fry. While Faizah’s favourite was learning about cotton with Miss Everitt.
In Grade 4 this term we will be studying science. Students will be learning Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Geology in science rotations throughout the term. We will look specifically at predators, food chains, the uses of different materials, forces and erosion.

CRAB-SOCCER WORLD CUP

To celebrate the Soccer World Cup that is happening in Brazil at the moment, we will be having our very own Crab-Soccer World Cup next week. The teams have been decided and each group has been assigned a country that is in the actual World Cup. This week, teams have been researching their country and designing uniforms, mascots, banners and chants.

Next week the crab-soccer tournament will be held in the hall on Wednesday and Friday. If you don’t know how crab soccer works you might have to ask a grade 4 student to give you a demonstration.

READING

There will be another 13 children from Grade 4 on stage at Monday’s assembly. They will be receiving brand new books for reading 100 nights this year. This is a fantastic achievement for these children and they should feel very proud of themselves. Reading every night not only helps kids get free books and a moment of glory on the assembly stage, it also helps them improve their fluency and reading strategies.

There are now 21 grade 4 children that have read for 100 nights or more this year, and another 4 that will most likely get to 100 before the end of the term. These kids are on track to complete Mr Lovie’s challenge of reading for 200 nights this year.