Grade 4 Newsletter

CAMP

We finally sent the notes home about our school camp this week. Hopefully every student managed to pass them on to their parents, I know sometimes they can get lost in school bags for weeks. Some children have brought back their permission notes and medical forms already. There was a slight administrative error on the BPAY stickers though. There was an extra “8” accidentally inserted in the Biller Code. There will be another note sent home today with the correct information.

The cost of this year’s Melbourne Discovery camp is $235. We have tried to keep the cost of the camp as low as possible while making sure it is jam packed with exciting experiences for the kids. Some of the attractions we will be visiting in Melbourne are: The Melbourne Zoo, Scienceworks and the Lightning Room, 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.

We will send home a detailed itinerary and a list of what to bring and what not to bring at the start of next term. The camp is in the third week of Term 4.

SWIMMING

Our swimming program is wrapping up next week. The grade 4s have been swimming every Tuesday four the last four weeks and it has been amazing to see how much their confidence and ability has improved. The Grade 3s will be taking over and having their swimming lessons on the last five Tuesdays of the term.

Early next year we will be inviting students to try out for the Rye Primary School swimming team to compete against other schools. Any students who think they might be interested are encouraged to keep swimming regularly and could also consider getting lessons outside of school.

The last swimming lessons will be this Tuesdays between 12:00 and 1:00PM.
In Grade 4 this term we will be studying history. Our focus will be the early explorers of our Planet, Aboriginal life before and just after white settlement.

Children will be working in small groups to research and present a history project. Their projects will all be presented in the Hall at the end of the term.

CANDYLAND

We have created a society in the Grade 4 classroom. The children all have jobs, fill out payslips, and have to pay tax, rent and fines. The townsfolk elected Jemma as their Mayor in a tight election, with Kaley as her deputy. The town has been dubbed Candyland. The streets are named Candy Cane Lane, Sweet Street, Liquorice Lane, Red Skin Road and Kit Kat Court.

The Real Estate agents organised a series of auctions to determine everyone’s address. Some children decided to pay over $200 for prime positions while others decided to live out in the slums and only pay $50 rent each week.

The Police Force has been busy keeping the town safe and peaceful to live in. The Judge settled quite a few minor grievances. The Tip Managers have reduced litter and are making sure everyone cleans up after themselves. The Posties are busy making letterboxes and delivering mail and the Bankers are making sure everyone gets paid correctly.

TABLES

The children have been working hard to learn their times tables lately. They have made flash cards to help them at school, and most have been practising with their parents at home as well. The more practise they get, the better.

We will be testing them on the tables they are targeting each week to make sure they are keeping up with them. Knowing your times tables is extremely important for children as they move through their schooling. Time spent learning them now will benefit these kids for the rest of their lives.