

5/6 Newsletter



Date: Thursday 12th May

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our school **Open Night** is being held on Wednesday 18th May from 5:30-7:30pm. The students will be displaying the work they have done to date on their dioramas and autobiographies. It would be great to see you all there on the night!

In **writing** we have been looking at the Seven Steps to Writing Success. These include plan for success, sizzling starts, tightening tension, dynamic dialogue, show, don't tell, ban the boring bits and exciting endings. The students have had a lot of fun with these activities and have produced some great story starters. We have included two in the newsletter for you to read. Thank you to Ella and Ellie for volunteering their pieces this week.

We would like all students to bring their **diaries** to school every day. They will be using them to record important dates, when homework is due and to set reading goals during SURF time. This is important in helping them prepare for secondary school transition.

In **Mappen** the students will be creating a diorama representing an event in Australian History that they have been working on in class. The students will need a medium size packing box and materials to design their scene. We will have some access to the resources from the Art Room, however if there is something specific that they need please send this to school with them. We have locked in **Thursday 24th June for the Museum in Motion Expo**. An invitation went home earlier in the week. Hope to see you all there.

Last week due to NAPLAN the Grade 5s and Grade 6s had the opportunity to spend three days with their own grade level. It was an interesting week, with the Year Sixes having the chance to get together in their leadership teams and plan some upcoming events. The Grade Five students did an amazing job with the NAPLAN.

Ishka is planning on creating some lanterns and has asked for some clean and empty glass jar donations for the **Art Room**.

The District Cross Country Event will be held on Wednesday 18th May at Truemans Road Reserve. If your son or daughter made it through to this stage please ensure that their permission note and money has been returned to school. We would love to see you there if you can make it.

Running Club will continue to run all term on Tuesday mornings at 8:30am. So far Jesse and Finn have had lots of kids attend each morning.

Swim Squad will also continue this term. It's held at Colchester Pool from 8-8:30am each Thursday morning. Please see Lauren Eagles or Lesley O'Hanlon if you are interested in having your child attend.

Congratulations to Finn and Jesse who have been selected to progress to the Metro Trials for the Victorian Under 12 Australian Football State Team. This is a huge accomplishment. Good luck for Monday 23rd May!

Grade 6 Transition

The long awaited Year Six tops finally arrived. They look amazing. Thank you for your patience with the hold up.

On the topic of uniforms, please ensure that your child is in full school uniform. Just a reminder that hoodies are not part of the uniform. If girls are wearing leggings (not sport skins) they are to be worn with a dress or shorts on top. We also encourage proper footwear to be worn, either runners or school shoes.

If your student is riding to school please ensure that their bikes, skateboard, scooter etc. is walked directly to the bike shed when they arrive at school. If you are picking up their scooters or skateboards we will be asking the kids to leave these behind the office once they arrive at school to avoid the temptation of riding them inside the school yard.

Enjoy the week.

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

Important Dates

- Wednesday 18th May – Open Night
- Wednesday 18th May - District cross country
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd June - Sovereign Hill Camp
- Wednesday 8th June – Winter Lightning Premierships
- Wednesday 22nd June - Girls Football/Boys Netball
- Thursday 23rd June - Museum in Motion Expo.

Notes to be returned

- Grade Six Transition Form Due Friday 13th May
- District Cross Country Forms

HOMEWORK

We have noticed that there are still quite a number of students who do not know their multiplication facts. For the rest of the term we will be setting each student a task to complete around their area of need.

As ongoing homework each term we will expect all students to be **reading** at least four nights a week, practising their **spelling** words (in order to achieve at least 18/20 on their spelling test), learning their **multiplication 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 are returned to school each Monday.

The Churchyard

"Why am I doing this?" I murmur to myself. I place my hand on the cold, old, rickety gate and push it open. I step inside and at once the fog envelopes me. All I can see is fog and tombstones. I push forward as the wind howls in my ears, the old church bell starts ringing and I hear screaming. I shake my head and it instantly disappears. "Calm down. Don't let your nerves get the better of you." I keep walking and finally reach what I'm looking for. I put my hand on the door and forge ahead, all the while knowing that the taste of fear would only get worse.

By Ella

The Graveyard

I turn around, suddenly sensing something or someone directly behind me. There's nothing there, relief fills me. I consider leaving but I need to find her- her as in Emma Pollock my best friend. See, Emma went missing two days ago and I've been searching none stop. In the distance I spy a dark cloaked figure about 30 yards away. I turn to run and trip over a gravestone. The engraving reads 'Emma Pollock, 1961-1975'. Stunned I trip again and fall into an open grave.

By Ellie