



Monday 16th June 2014

Grade 5/6 Newsletter

The week that's been

Dear Parents,

We've got another busy few weeks to finish off Term 2 upstairs in the Grade 5/6 rooms at Rye Primary School. Today was especially busy. All of our students took part in a St John's Ambulance First Aid Awareness Course. They were given instructions and took part in activities to learn basic first and aid life support skills including CPR. This is a great program and our children really enjoyed the sessions. A big thank you to Mrs Coumbe for organising this wonderful opportunity and of course to St. John's Ambulance.

Today we were also very lucky to have Kent Stannard, founder of White Tag, visit our Grade 5/6 area. White Tag is an organisation that tags Great White Sharks in Australian waters to study their lifestyles. Kent spoke to our children about his role and the importance of saving sharks. The children have been learning about sharks and will be planning and writing a persuasive writing piece this week for the Big Write about shark culling.

We have set aside all of Wednesday this week for our Science Videos. We will be filming and editing. Some of these videos are already looking really good. Please remind your child to bring along anything they need for filming on Wednesday. Winter Lightning Premierships was last Wednesday. From all reports all children enjoyed the day and were beautifully behaved. A big thankyou to all of the parents who came along, especially to those who helped out with coaching and umpiring. Thankyou also to Mr Campbell who coached our soccer teams. Congratulations to all children for taking part. The boys' soccer team finished first on the day, qualifying them for the next round.



Important Dates

- 27/6/14 Last day of Term 2.

Notes to be returned

- Year 6 Camp notice
- Year 5 Camp notice



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Unfortunately, a small number of children were not sent to Lightning Premierships last week due to their behaviour at school. Those children who are not following the school rules will be missing events such as sport days and excursions. We also have a three strike rule for our school camps.

Next week is planning week at Rye Primary School, which means our children will have specialists for an entire day while the teachers get a chance to plan and prepare for next term. The Grade 5/6 planning day will be Tuesday next week.

Please don't forget that the Grade 5 Camp deposit of \$70 and paperwork is due back this Thursday. The Grade 6 Camp deposit was due earlier this term.

As mentioned earlier, The Big Write session this week will be a persuasive piece about shark culling. For Talk Homework this week, please discuss both sides of this argument. Some time researching statistics, evidence and expert opinions might even be a good idea.

Have a wonderful week.

HOMEWORK

For homework this week we would like **all children** to continue their nightly reading routine. We expect all children to read each night for a minimum of 20 minutes and record their reading in their diaries. We would also like parents to sign diaries each night. We would also like those children with Internet access at home to get stuck into Mathletics . It would be ideal if children could spend some time on Mathletics each week. Children without Internet access are very welcome to use our ICT lab at recess and lunch to complete Mathletics tasks. Children are also to learn their 20 spelling words, which will be sent home on Mondays. We also require children to learn their timestables and complete their Talk Homework.