



Friday 16th October 2015

5/6 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well done to all of the students who participated in the District Athletic Event on Wednesday last week. Congratulations to Jai, who came 3rd in shot put and Josh, who came 5th in the 200m yesterday in the Regional event.

This week in Numeracy the students have continued consolidating their skills in the four processes, using whole numbers, decimals and fractions. The students have continued to investigate area and perimeter and are currently working on projects to apply their knowledge.

In writing this week the students did a cold write persuading someone that their hobby was the best. These will be used by us to identify areas for improvement. The students will be involved in workshops and conferences to support them with their individual writing needs.

Our reading text for this term is Bridge to Terabithia. The students will be involved in group discussions, reflections and independent tasks to demonstrate their understanding of the text. We would like to watch the movie at the end of the term, so we would appreciate it if the students didn't watch it at home.

Our school production is fast approaching. Students should all now know what night they will be performing and what they will require for costumes (grade 5s, heroes and 6s, villains).

There are still some students who have not finalised payment for the Sovereign Hill Camp. Could all monies please be handed in to the office as soon as possible. At this stage we still require two more parents with a working with children's card to attend the camp. Thank you to Gerry for volunteering already.

The Year Six Graduation will be held on Tuesday 1st December. Notes will be sent out next week with full details.

As you should already know, Orientation Day for the year six students will be held on Tuesday 8th December.

As the weather is heating up, please ensure that your child has a hat at school each day. Please do not send zinc to school for your child to apply. If your child would like to use **sun screen** please send them to school with this as we are unable to provide it.

Hope you all enjoy the weekend!

Year 5/6 Team – Sandi Emile, Captyn Dowell, Deb Jordan, Scott Mackie.

Important Dates

- Wednesday 28th October - Production
- Thursday 29th October – Production
- Tuesday 3rd November – Melbourne Cup Holiday
- Friday 13th November – Seal the Loop Action Day
- Tuesday 24th November – Grade 6 Sailing (make up day)
- Tuesday 1st December – Grade 6 Sailing (make up day)
- Tuesday 1st December – Grade 6 Graduation
- Monday – Wednesday 7th – 9th December – Sovereign Hill Camp
- Tuesday 8th December – Grade 6 Orientation Day
- Friday 11th December – Grade 6 Sailing BBQ
- Friday 18th December – End of Term 4

Notes to be returned

- Seal the Loop Action Day

HOMEWORK

We have designed our homework tasks to support the students in their learning, targeting areas where we think the students need most assistance. We would expect students to be spending approximately 30 minutes (at the most) a night to complete these activities.

For homework this term we will expect all students to be **reading** at least five nights a week, practising their **spelling** words (in order to receive at least 18/20 on their spelling test) and times tables and continuing to use the **Mathletics** Program. **Students will be given a math sheet each week to practice their skills.** 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 Friday 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 child to ensure that their diary is returned to school each Friday and Homework each Monday.