

5/6 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Can't believe we are actually almost at the end of Term 1! How time flies when you're having fun!

Last week we had four of our Environment Leaders and Fiona go out for a swim with the dolphin experience as part of the I sea, I care Ambassador Program. The students had a great time swimming with dolphins and visiting the seals. Thank you so much to Fiona and Karen for accompanying the students on this excursion.



Next Tuesday we are celebrating Harmony Day. The students will be taking part in different workshops to celebrate diversity. If your child has not returned their note and money, please do so as soon as possible, it will be a great, fun day!

The Summer Lightning Premiership is on next Wednesday. Thank you so much to those parents who have volunteered to help out on the day and also help with training the students on a Wednesday afternoon. There are still a few students who have yet to return their forms. Could these please be handed in by Monday at the very latest.

Due to last week's poor weather on Thursday, we will be doing a make-up sailing lesson for the Grade 6s on Thursday 24th March. The kids have had a great time sailing at the Rye Yacht Club and their skills have developed amazingly from the first day. The yacht club offer scholarships to students and will be handing out expression of interest forms next Thursday.

The Swim Squad has been such a hit this term that it will be continuing next term! If your child is interested in participating please see Lauren Eagles or Lesley O'Hanlon for more information. They meet at Colchester Pool at 8am on Thursday mornings.

A reminder that school will finish on Thursday 24th at 2:30 pm.

Hope you all enjoy the holidays!

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

Important Dates

- Wednesday 23rd March-Summer Lightning Premierships
- Wednesday 27th April- Dromana Secondary College Open Night

Notes to be returned

- Harmony Day (Due 21st March)
- Lightning Premiership (Due 21st March)

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 most) a night to complete these activities.

For homework this 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) and completing their assigned task. 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 is returned to school each Monday.

I would like to receive the newsletter via email.

My email address is _____.

My child's name _____ and Class _____