



Monday 18th May

5/6 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well done to the Grade Five students on completing a busy week of Naplan Tests. The students all seemed to be very positive about the tests, which was great to hear!

On Wednesday 27th May the students who qualified for the District Cross Country event will be competing at Truemans Road Reserve. A note has been sent home outlining times of each event. We would love to see as many parents there as possible. If you are planning on attending please arrive half an hour prior to your child's race in the event that we are running ahead of schedule.

Students should all now know what sport they will be competing in for the Winter Lightning Premierships. We really need parents at these events to help supervise the students. There is only one teacher in charge at each of the sports so it is really important that we have parents there on the day to help with each team. If we do not get enough parental assistance at these events we may have to cancel certain events. **If you are available to help on Wednesday, 10th June please see your child's teacher.** Thank you to those parents who have already put their hand up to attend. However we still need parents for netball A, B and C teams, soccer B team, T-ball boys' and girls' team, footy and handball.

On Wednesday night, 22nd May, we will be hosting our Open Night. This is a great opportunity to pop in and have a look at the work your child has been doing for the term. Our theme is coding, so come along and visit each classroom to unlock the secret code. There will be prizes for the winners!

This week in writing the students will be working on composing a newspaper article on current, natural disasters. If you get an opportunity it would be great if you could read a newspaper together and discuss the format and content.

In Numeracy we will be investigating coding. Activities will be based on consolidating the students' knowledge of fractions and decimals.

The reading project is due on 29th May. Some students are well on their way to completing their 100 points. If your child is not close to finishing their project we are encouraging them to do some of it at home. Please support your child in ensuring that they hand their project in on time.

A reminder for all grade six parents that the secondary school selection note is due back at the office by Friday 22nd May. It is very important that these forms are returned in order to secure a place at your child's preferred school.

Have a great week!

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

Important Dates

- District Cross Country – Wednesday 27th May Truemans Road
- Division Cross Country – Wednesday 3rd June
- School Photos – 5th June
- Winter Lightning Premierships – 10th June

Notes to be returned

- District Cross Country
- Winter Lightning Premierships
- Grade 6 Secondary School Preference

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 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 children to ensure that their diary is returned to school each Friday and Homework each Monday.