



Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

## 5/6 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back. We hope you all enjoyed your break. The students have had a great start to the term, settling back into the routine quickly.

We had a group of students selected to participate in sporting trials last week. Congratulations to all of the kids for their efforts. Some very fortunate students have been selected to progress to the next stage. These will take place early next week. We wish them all the best of luck.

The grade 6 students received their new shirts last week and they certainly look very smart.

In Numeracy this week the students are working on the four operations (+ - x ÷), 24 hour time and time zones. If you get an opportunity, please encourage your child to demonstrate and discuss what they are learning to help consolidate their understanding.

In Literacy the students have all been given a reading project to work on. Everyone has made a promising start. Congratulation to Mary who has already earned 40 points! For writing we will continue to look at the Persuasive genre. We all wrote a shared piece on recycling last week and the students will be working independently this week to produce a persuasive piece convincing you to adopt more sustainable practices at home. Once again it would be wonderful if you could support your child by discussing the topic to help develop their ideas.

Our inquiry unit this term is Sustainability. The students will be organising an expo later in the term, inviting guests to present information. The students will then work on an expert project to demonstrate their understanding and hopefully come up with an action plan.

On Friday, as part of our ANZAC Day celebrations, the students will take place in a tree planting ceremony followed by an assembly at 12:00pm, everyone is welcome to attend.

Scholarship applications are now available for Rosebud Secondary College and are due to be returned by Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>.

As mentioned in previous newsletters there have been some children riding their bikes, scooters and skateboards in the yard before school. Whilst we encourage students to ride to school, once they are at school their vehicles must be walked directly to the shed and not ridden in the school yard. They are proving to be quite a safety hazard. If students persist in riding in the yard before school they will have their bikes etc confiscated. These will be held in the office for you to collect.

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

## Important Dates

- Dromana Secondary College Open Night – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm.
- Rosebud Secondary College Open Night – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.
- Mothers' Day Stall – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May
- Naplan – May 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>
- District Cross Country – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May
- Division Cross Country – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- Winter Lightning Premierships – 10<sup>th</sup> June

## 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.**