



Monday 23rd June 2014

# Grade 5/6 Newsletter

## The week that's been

Hi again parents and carers. We hope you didn't blow away on Sunday night. It looks like the winter weather has finally arrived and we may even be in for a few wet day time tables. Although we want all of our students to rug up when it gets cold, we also want all students to be dressed in full school uniform. We certainly do not want children wearing hoodies or brightly coloured brand jumpers. If your child has a school jumper on and is still cold we encourage them to wear a jacket over the top which can be removed in classrooms. Thank you for cooperating.

This week is planning week. This means the 5/6 children will have all of their specialist subjects on Tuesday this week, while teachers plan and organise next term's Unit of Inquiry and Literacy and Numeracy topics. The office do have a copy of the timetable, should you need to pick your children up early on Tuesday.

Congratulations to all of the Rye Primary School students who attended the Southern Peninsula Band Camp at the Briars last week. From all reports they had a great time, learnt a great deal and performed beautifully at the concert on Friday night.

Congratulations also to all of the children who have completed their Term 2 Science Projects. In small teams, children have planned, filmed and edited a short video explaining a scientific concept. We will be watching these videos this week and the children will be voting for various awards. We will invite parents to a science film night early next term and will announce the winners then.

By now deposits for both camps are overdue. If you have not paid this deposit or have not submitted permission and medical forms, please do so as soon as possible. It makes it very difficult for us to organise logistics if we do not have definite numbers.

### Important Dates

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

### Notes to be returned

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- Year 6 Camp notice
- Year 5 Camp notice



We are noticing a number of our students discussing and even imitating very inappropriate television shows at school. Not only are the themes and language in these programs not age appropriate, but they are also aired quite late at night. This is having an effect on learning and behaviour. Please be aware of the television programs your child is watching.

Unfortunately, we have had to remove a small number of Grade 5 and 6 students from the yard this week due to poor behaviour in the playground. This is only a small group of students and the rest of our children are playing very well during their recess and lunchtime breaks.

We are very sad to say farewell to Mrs Sinead Carroll who has been an amazing member of the Grade 5/6 Team. Sinead will be moving back to Ireland next term to continue teaching. We would like to have a party for Sinead on Thursday, so could each child please bring a plate of food to share. Thanks!

Congratulations to Kyle James who has received an Arts Scholarship at Rosebud Secondary School. This is a great achievement.

We simply cannot believe how quickly this year is going. We are in to the final week of Term 2. Please remember that school finishes at 2:30 this Friday. Please make arrangements for this early pick up time.

Please enjoy the time with your children at home over the holidays. Please also encourage them to continue to read and to continue to progress through their Mathletics course. Holidays are a great opportunity to catch up or really fly ahead.

Have a wonderful week and stay warm and healthy.

Grade 5/6 team.

### **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.

