

5/6 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to the Grade 5/6 students who were elected by their class to the Student Representative Council. Those students are: - from 5/6SM Will Cannan (Captain), Keeley Swain (Vice Captain), from 5/6CD Riley Gill & Imy Bradley, from 5/6DJ Jassmin Huggan (Captain) and Brandon Goodall (Vice Captain) and from 5/6SE Faizah Twill and James Closter.

The Grade 6 Surf Camp to Lorne is next week! We are all very excited and looking forward to a terrific three days of surfing under the guidance of the instructors from the Lorne Surf Life Saving Club where we will be staying, right on the beach. As well as learning to handle a surf-board, the students will be seeing the sights of Lorne, from the pier up to Teddy's Lookout and to the lower end of Erskine Falls. Grade 6 parents are reminded to check their camp notes carefully for drop off and pick up times and places, and for all camp necessities.

In Literacy the Grade 5 students have been focusing on their narrative writing, broadening their vocabulary and 'up-levelling' their skills. We are still reading the text 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman. If your child has been enjoying this book they can choose from a range of titles similar in subject matter. These include 'The Book Thief' by Markus Zusak, 'Number the Stars' by Louis Lowry, 'The Diary of a Young Girl' Anne Frank and 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne.

In Numeracy our students have just begun learning about Area and Perimeter. Remember, *Area* is the space enclosed by a figure and expressed by Length x Width, and *Perimeter* is the distance around a shape.

Did you know that Rye Primary School have a Running Club? Mr Mackie runs with the students around the oval and Mrs Jordan keeps a tally of the distance run by the students. One of the more common excuses for not running is "I'm not fit enough" – well, the students who say that can start off with a walk/jog pattern, where they walk for 100m then jog for 100m, gradually building up to a jog.

Classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin at St Joseph's School, Sorrento on Wednesday 4th March at 3.45pm. If your child is eligible, please contact the school on 59841291 or the Parish on 59844374.

LOTE: All grade 5 and 6 students take part in Friday afternoon classes in Language Other Than English. Grade 6 students make use of the Polycom to learn either Indonesian or Japanese as they have classes with teachers from Dromana Secondary School whilst Grade 5's have lessons in Japanese language and culture with Mr Wayne Brooke.

SWIMMING SPORTS - Congratulations to those students who took part in the swimming sports on Wednesday. Students who received ribbons were: - Matthew White, Tom Rainsbury, Johnathon Armstrong, Amelia Takacs, Summer Trim, Imojyn Bradley, Claudia Tingey, Liam Stewart, Tim Cross-Payne, Jesse Davidson-Lopo, Saxby O'Dowd, James Closter and apologies to any names we have not entered!

Parents will have noticed some wonderful art in the rooms, including the black and white *Manga-toon* photos that students have enhanced with onomatopoeia.

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

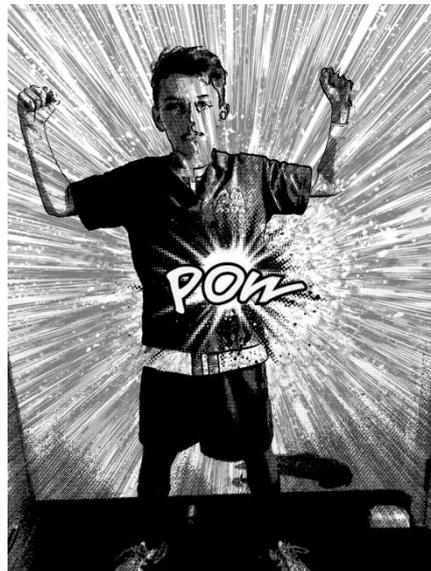
Important Dates

- Year 6 Sailing Program – February 17, 24, March 10, 17, 24
- Year 5 Beach Program – March 11, 18
- Year 6 Visits from Secondary Colleges March - 11, 18
- Year 6 Lorne Camp - March 2-4



Notes to be returned

- Year 6 Tops



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 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.

