

5/6 Newsletter



Date: Friday 29th April

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It was wonderful to see so many students attend the ANZAC Day March on Monday. Our School Captains, Ella, Jai, Jemma and Zarah did an amazing job of reciting a poem and laying the wreath. The school choir performed beautifully and to top it off, Tahlia read out a poem that she had written herself, which just about brought a tear to everyone's eyes!

Our school **Open Night** is being held on Wednesday 18th May from 5:30-7:30pm. The students will be displaying the work they have done to date on their dioramas and autobiographies. It would be great to see you all there on the night!

We are in the process of putting together a **Communication Board** in the 5/6 breeze way upstairs. We will have information regarding what's happening in the 5/6 area, sporting news, environmental club news etc. as well as showcasing the amazing work that our very talented students are producing. Please pop up when you get a chance and have a look.

In numeracy over the next three weeks the students will be learning about Fractions in Number Groups and Location in the classrooms. We have some really exciting activities planned for fractions, involving Smarties and an Amazing Race activity for Location. Who said Maths isn't fun?

In writing we will be working on persuasive texts, revisiting the structure and vocabulary associated with this genre.

We would like all students to bring their **diaries** to school every day. They will be using them to record important dates, when homework is due and to set reading goals during SURF time. This is important in helping them prepare for secondary school transition.

In Mappen the students will be creating a diorama representing an event in Australian History that they have been working on in class. The students will need a medium size packing box and materials to design their scene. We will have some access to the resources from the Art Room, however if there is something specific that they need please send this to school with them. We have had to change the day for our Museum in Motion Expo as it clashes with Band Camp. We are in the process of choosing another day.

Sport News

The House Cross Country Event was a huge success. Thank you to Faizah, Johnny, Finn, Jesse, Will and Nicholas for the amazing job they did setting up the course, helping run the event and cheering on their teams. Congratulations to all the students who have made it to the Division Competition which will be held on Wednesday 18th May. A HUGE thank you to all the parents who helped out on the day, it was the biggest turnout in years. We really appreciated all of the support!

Running Club will continue to run all term on Tuesday mornings at 8:30am. So far Jesse and Finn have had lots of kids attend each morning. Noah has already run to Tootgarook!

Swim Squad will also continue this term. It's held at Colchester Pool from 8-8:30am each Thursday morning. Please see Lauren Eagles or Lesley O'Hanlon if you are interested in having your child attend.

Camp

The grade 5 camp is fast approaching. Please ensure that all payments have been made, permission notes, medical forms and any dietary requirements have been returned to school.

Grade 6 Transition

A reminder that the Grade Six Transition Forms need to be returned to school by Friday 13th May in order for your child to receive a place at their chosen school.

We have encountered a bit of a problem with the Year Six tops. Unfortunately the company we used have contracted the printing of this “premium” top to a company in Brisbane who then sent them to China to be manufactured. As a result they are currently stuck in customs in Brisbane. We have expressed our disappointment in the length of time it has taken for the tops to arrive and as compensation the company have kindly offered to give us a 50% discount on all tops ordered. We hope to receive the tops soon!

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

Important Dates

- Friday 6th May – Scholarship Applications due for Rosebud Secondary College
- 10th and 11th May- SEAL Program Testing Days
- 10th, 11th and 12th May - Naplan
- Wednesday 18th May – Open Night
- Wednesday 18th May - District cross country
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd June - Sovereign Hill Camp
- Wednesday 8th June – Winter Lightning Premierships
- Wednesday 22nd June - Girls Football/Boys Netball
- Museum in Motion Expo date TBA.

Notes to be returned

- Grade Six Transition Form Due Friday 13th May

HOMEWORK

As an addition to the standard homework set this term (as listed below), the students will be given a ‘Number of the Day’ sheet to complete. There will be 4 numbers of the day and each one should only take 10 to 15 minutes to complete. If your child doesn’t understand a concept or terminology please let us know so that we can explain this to them. As in Term 1 all homework will be due in on a Monday.

As ongoing homework each term we will expect all students to be **reading** at least four nights a week, completing their **number of the day sheet**, practising their **spelling** words (in order to achieve at least 18/20 on their spelling test), 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.

