



Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015

## 5/6 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to all those parents who were able to come in for parent/teacher/student conferences this week. If you were unable to attend and you wish to speak with one of us please see your child's teacher to organise a time.

Next Tuesday, Savannah has planned a sausage sizzle as part of her Term 2 Passion Project. Savannah is trying to raise awareness around organ donation and raise money for Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation. Order forms went out on Wednesday. It would be really wonderful if we could all get behind her and support her in raising as much money as possible.

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August some students will be attending the Boys' Netball and Girls' Footy Competitions. This is a really fun day for the students to participate in. If any parents are available to help on this day it would be much appreciated.

We have noticed that there are some students whose behaviour in and out of class is quite unacceptable. We had a discussion with the students regarding this and the expectation we have for them at school. As a result, those students who are choosing to misbehave at school may be excluded from activities such as sport days and camps. If your child is at risk of missing these opportunities we will be in contact to work on strategies to support your child in managing their behaviour.

This week in writing the students have been working on a narrative titled 'Hunger'. It has been wonderful seeing the students' improvement in their content and structure of this piece. They are all trying to incorporate WOW words, figurative language, connectives, ambitious punctuation and engaging openers to capture their audience.

As promised last week, we have attached some of the 'I Wish' Poems written by the students. Enjoy!

In Numeracy this week the students have continued learning about Probability. They are currently working on a Dice Project, estimating and recording their actual results as a fraction, decimal and percentage.

Next week the students will begin working on their short clip promoting an organisation who supports the rights of the child. Rosebud Secondary School Year 11 Media students have kindly offered to run some workshops with our students to broaden their knowledge on movie making. We are in the process of organising a suitable date, most likely Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>. The Rosebud students will also visit our students here later on in the term to help them edit their clips. Thank you to Bailey's grandad Craig, who has also volunteered to mentor the kids. If you have a particular talent in Media, we would love to have your support. Please let us know!

Enjoy your weekend.

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### Important Dates

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August - Soccer Lightning Premiership
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August – Girls’ Footy and Boys’ Netball
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August – Lions Club Challenge
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Kids Teaching Kids Conference
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September – End of Term 3

### Notes to be returned

- Sovereign Hill Camp – Grade 5
- Parent expression of interest form for camp
- Soccer notes
- Boys’ Netball and Girls’ Footy notes

### 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.**

### I Wish,

I wish there was enough food.

I wish there was no starvation.

I wish I had a school to get my education.

I wish there was clean water.

I wish I was free.

I wish I could be what I want to be.

I wish there was safety.

I wish I wasn't alone.

I wish I had a family with a nice home.

I wish I had rights.

I wish I wasn't so poor.

I wish my family wasn't so sore.

### I Wish, Poem

By Jacob

I wish I had money.

I wish I could thrive.

I wish I had food,  
so I could stay alive.

I wish I had freedom.

I wish I had pride.

I wish I lived somewhere better,  
somewhere near the tide.

I wish I could go to school.

I wish life was fair.

But I can't do this by myself,  
my hands are bare.

I wish I could be happy.

I wish I could live like you.

I wish I could say something,  
but there is nothing I can do.

By Mary