

5/6 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Monday 22nd February we were very fortunate to have two players, David Armitage and Jack Sinclair from the St Kilda Football team come out to our school and discuss with our grade 6s goal setting, including progressive and outcome driven goals. They also ran some drills with the students. The clinic was a huge success, with all kids having a great time.



This week we drew out the names of ten very lucky students who will be attending Somers Camp in June. More information regarding this camp will be out soon.

The Lightning Premierships are fast approaching. We are still looking for parents to attend Volleystar and Bat Tennis. Notes will be sent out next week.

Congratulations to Jesse, Johnny, Jai, Peter, Jack, Seth and Saxby who were successful in the district swimming competition. These students will be competing at the division level on Wednesday March 9th. We wish them all the best of luck!

For the next three weeks in numeracy we are looking at the four processes and time. The students have all been placed in point of need groups and are working towards consolidating their understanding of the processes. In time, we will be investigating Australian time zones and 24 hour time.

For the rest of the term the students will be working on the persuasive genre of writing. They are looking at the structure of a persuasive piece and the vocabulary associated with this genre. We are working on correctly structuring paragraphs using the TEEL (Topic sentence, Explanation, Evidence and Link) approach.

The students have been using the Read Theory website to improve their reading comprehension strategies. They have all been given a login code which can also be accessed at home. Mathletics is also up and running. Please encourage your child to make use of these valuable resources at home.

Both Dromana and Rosebud Secondary College came out this week to speak to the Year Six students about the different programs offered. Both schools have their open nights approaching. If you get an opportunity please take your child to these to help you make an informed decision about the best fit secondary school for your child. Dromana Open Night will be held on Wednesday 27th April at 7:00pm and Rosebud will be holding theirs on Tuesday 15th March from 5pm-7pm.

On Wednesday the Grade Six students attended the unveiling of the mosaic at the Rye Foreshore Park. It looks absolutely amazing. Pop down and check it out when you get an opportunity.



If your child has yet to return their photo permission and walking note, could you please get these into school as soon as possible.

Thank you to all of those parents who have opted for the newsletter to be emailed out, it certainly saves us a lot of paper! The newsletter may also be viewed on our school website.

We are extremely lucky to have received 28 new laptops to be used in the 5/6 area. These will be up and running by Monday. The students will all receive a note outlining acceptable use and expectations at school. You and your child will be required to read and sign these forms and return them to school.

Please remind and encourage your child to wear a helmet if riding to and from school.

Enjoy the weekend.

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

Important Dates

- Wednesday 9th March- Division Swimming
- Wednesday 9th March – DRI Dolphin Swim
- Tuesday 15th March – Rosebud Secondary College Open Night
- Wednesday 23rd March-Summer Lightning Premierships
- Wednesday 27th April- Dromana Secondary College Open Night

Notes to be returned

- Swimming Note
- Walking Note
- Lightning Premiership

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 most) a night to complete these activities.

For homework this term we will expect all students to be **reading** at least four nights a week, practising their **spelling** words (in order to receive at least 18/20 on their spelling test) and completing their assigned task. Learning their 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. Could you please support your children to ensure that their diary and homework is returned to school each Monday.

I would like to receive the newsletter via email.

My email address is _____.

My child's name _____ and Class _____