



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015

## 5/6 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 3. The students have all settled well back into the school routine. Some students were very fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the Rosebud Secondary College Production of Footloose. The students really enjoyed the performance and their behaviour was great on the day. A huge thank you to Rosebud Secondary College for helping transport some of our students to this event.

This term as part of our inquiry unit the students will be creating a short film promoting the work of their chosen organisation in ensuring the rights of children all over the world are being met. The students have already shown a real interest in this topic and are currently creating a persuasive poster as part of our writing activities.

This term the students will be given a modified spelling homework activity similar to that of previous terms. Have attached a copy for your convenience. Homework will still be handed in on each Monday with diaries being returned Friday mornings. Two Mathletics tasks will be assigned each week for students to complete. Please support your child in completing their tasks on time.

In Numeracy we are revising the four processes and investigating probability. The students are learning to represent chance experiments as fractions, decimals and percentages.

Next week the Netball A Team and Soccer A Team will be competing in the next stage of the Lightning Premiership Competition. If your child is taking part in this event please ensure that notes and money (for soccer) are returned. We wish both teams the best of luck!

Don't forget Monday is a Curriculum Day, so no school for the kids.

Parent/Teacher Conference notes are being sent out today in the youngest child's report. Please ensure that you return your note promptly to ensure your preferred time.

There are still a number of students wearing hoodies to school. Please ensure that your child has a warm school jumper on prior to leaving home as hoodies are not part of the school uniform.

Hope you all have a great weekend.

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### Important Dates

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July- Curriculum Day
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July –Netball A Team
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Soccer A Team
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Parent Teacher Conferences
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September – End of Term 3

### Notes to be returned

- Sovereign Hill Camp
- Parent expression of interest form for camp
- Netball and Soccer notices
- Parent/Teacher Conferences

### 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.**

Due date	Homework Activity
21st of July	Write out your spelling list three times with your left hand and three times with your right hand.
27th of July	Write out your spelling list five times in your neatest <b>bubble</b> writing.
3rd of August	Write out your spelling list three times so that each letter is a different <b>rainbow</b> colour.
10th of August	Write your spelling list six times using modern cursive (joined writing).
17th of August	Write your spelling words twice onto grid paper so that small letters take up one square and big letters take up 2 or 3.
24th of August	Write your spelling list 6 times using your neatest written print (not-joined writing).
31st of August	Do three practice tests at home and get a grown up to check them and sign them.
7th of September	Write your words out so they look like a big spiral. Start in the middle of your page and keep writing words so that they are spiralling out towards the edge of the page. Do two spirals of words.
14th of September	This week is a bit like last week, but instead of a spiral, write your words so they make a picture of a fish or a car or some other shape. Make two different pictures.
21st of September	Choose your favourite activity from this term and do it again with this week's spelling list.