

5/6 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it seems like it was ages ago now, but only two weeks ago the grade 6's were preparing for their final camp of Primary School – and what a camp it was! Lorne is a very beautiful holiday destination, and the students certainly enjoyed every aspect of it from the option of early morning beach walks, to the surfing lessons, the 80 degree 'walk' (scramble) up to Teddy's Lookout, the beautiful pier, the slippery rocks of Erskine falls and a final roam through the main street for lunch. The journey to and fro on the ferry was another high point, but the main highlight of Surf Camp is always going to be watching students develop their confidence in the water.

“We all had a great experience at Surf Camp. The trip was amazing, so was the view. On day 1 we arrived at Lorne and the first group started surfing. They all caught some pretty perfect waves. The second group went for a walk along the beach to an area at the bottom of Erskine Falls called The Sanctuary. That night we went for a walk along the beachside to the pier. The next day we went for a bit of a walk to see the amazing view of the ocean from Teddy's Lookout; we all loved it! The Surf Lifesaving Club where we stayed was terrific, there was a table-tennis set and football to play. The food was terrific too – pies, pasties, spaghetti, rolls for lunch and a hot breakfast on the last day. On the way home the bus had to make a stop because of someone being ill, but other than that it was a good bus ride and we all enjoyed getting on the ferry to come home. We saw a pod of dolphins which was absolutely amazing. The ferry stopped and we got off and out to see our parents. The trip was great!” (Mia Silver 56SE)

The Grade 5 students as well as those Grade 6 students who have buddies in prep will be having a Buddy Games Day to celebrate the completion of a wonderful first term at school for the preps.

The Grade 6 students are into their last fortnight of their own Beach Program, being the yachting. Students have been heading down to Rye Yacht Club every Tuesday. They have been learning to rig and unrig the yachts, how to tie knots, how to tack, how to be safe in the water, and how to work individually and as part of a team. Laura James, School Captain, says “So far sailing has been a blast, we have all had so much fun and have loved learning how to turn in our yachts and recover from a capsize. Some of us even got to play a fun game where we had to collect tennis balls with three people in a boat and no sail! The booklets have given us some cool activities and good information about sailing and more. Each Tuesday we are all excited for our sailing lessons. We have certainly enjoyed the beautiful beaches of Rye and had a great time with the help of the wonderful volunteers at the Rye Yacht Club.”

In Literacy the students have been focusing on their narrative writing, thinking particularly of the five senses when they write. We are still reading the text 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman.

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. Students have created some terrific 'Area Amigos' and they are on display in the classrooms.

TRANSITION – The Grade 6's will had their first talk from a secondary school representative on Wednesday, with Abbey & Jared, now from Year 7, returning with Mr Danny Walker of Rosebud Secondary College to inform students of some of the terrific things Rosebud has to offer. On March 18th Mr Alan Jones of Dromana Secondary College will attend the school along with Ed Fuggle and Grace Brown.

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

Important Dates

- Year 6 Sailing Program – March 17, 24.
- Year 6 Visit from Dromana Sec. College - March 18.
- **Harmony Day – Friday March 20.**
- Year 5 Buddy Games Day – Thursday March 26.
- End of Term 1 – Friday March 27 @ 2.30pm.
- Dromana Secondary College Open night - April 22nd at 7pm.
- Rosebud Secondary College Open night – Tues April 28 at 7pm.



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.