



Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014

## 5/6 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we started our new spelling program. All students have been assigned words which they have been practising all week, completing different activities in order to consolidate their understanding of each word. Some activities can be done at home, however students are given ample time throughout the week to complete these tasks.

In numeracy we have continued looking at graphs such as Histograms, Pie Charts and Stem and Leaf Plots. The students have been learning to interpret the information presented using authentic data. Next week we will be continuing with our topic of processes for numeracy groups. It is really wonderful to see all students achieving success in this area.

This week we were fortunate to have the Educational Staff from Zoos Victoria come and speak to our Year Five and Six students about marine life and the importance of conservation. The students learned about seals and the different types of aquatic birds found in our area and the impact that litter can have on them.

This term as part of a lunch time club, some of the Year Five and Six students are taking part in a basketball tournament on Tuesdays. Each week students will be writing a "report" on the highlights of each game. This will be attached to this newsletter each week. This week's report has been written by Hamish and Bodhi. Hope you enjoy it!

Year 5/6 Team

## Important Dates

- 27<sup>th</sup> October ACMA sessions
- 5<sup>th</sup> November Rugby Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> November Seal the Loop Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> November Discovery Day Grade 5
- 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> November Sovereign Hill Camp Grade 5
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December Grade 6 Graduation
- 9<sup>th</sup> December Orientation Day Grade 6
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> December Lorne Camp Grade 6

## Notes to be returned

- Year 6 Camp notice
- Year 5 Camp notice
- Rugby Day notice
- Seal the Loop Notice

## 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.

If students are not completing their assigned tasks they will be asked to attend a lunch time support group on Friday to complete their homework.



Round 2 of the 5/6 Rye Primary Basketball Tournament started off with a bang, with two teams going head to head, both exhilarating games. First off was James' team vs Amelia's team. It went right down to the wire with both teams throwing the lead back and forth. In the final minute James' team scored and held the lead till the final minute was up taking out a 2 point win. The 2<sup>nd</sup> match was a fast paced game, with Max M's team facing off against Max O's team. The lead was held by both teams several times, but in the end Max O's team took the lead and won by 4 points. The final scores were 10-8 for game 1 and 8-4 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> game.