



Monday 10th June 2014

Grade 5/6 Newsletter



The week that's been

Dear parents

We trust you all had a wonderful long weekend and enjoyed the winter sunshine. The big news this week is Winter Lightning Premierships which are taking place in venues across the Southern Peninsula. By now all forms should have been signed and returned with payment. Children not attending are still expected to come to school. We would love as many parents as possible to come along to help out or to cheer on our teams. We are missing quite a few school sport tops, so if you have any at home could they please be returned to school.

Most children are really enjoying our weekly Big Write sessions on Thursday afternoons and are writing some fabulous pieces. Those children who complete their talk homework each week are at a major advantage. Those children are coming in full of ideas and are ready to write. This week's Big Write piece is called "the Underwater Kingdom." Please talk about this title and possible story lines, characters and settings. Please remember that narratives must also have a problem and a solution. Some children are bringing in plans and word lists to assist them in this session.

During Writing this week we are continuing to look at writing informational reports. Most children finished their Orang-utan informational report last week. This week children will be writing a piece on their own to demonstrate what they have learnt.

Important Dates

- 11/6/14 Lightning Prems
- 27/6/14 Last day of Term 2.

Notes to be returned

- Year 6 Camp notice
- Year 5 Camp notice



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During our Numeracy sessions we are continuing to work on our process. We are working on multiplication this week and division next week. Please ensure your child is learning their timestables and spending some time on Mathletics each week. All teachers in the 5/6 area are assigning lessons on Mathletics to reinforce skills taught at school.

We are all busy adding the finishing touches to our mid-year school reports. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's education and progress.

Have a wonderful week.

HOMEWORK

For homework this week we would like **all children** to continue their nightly reading routine. We expect all children to read each night for a minimum of 20 minutes and record their reading in their diaries. We would also like parents to sign diaries each night. We would also like those children with Internet access at home to get stuck into Mathletics . It would be ideal if children could spend some time on Mathletics each week. Children without Internet access are very welcome to use our ICT lab at recess and lunch to complete Mathletics tasks. Children are also to learn their 20 spelling words, which will be sent home on Mondays. We also require children to learn their timestables and complete their Talk Homework.