

# 5/6 CLASS NEWSLETTER

TERM 2, 2018

Dear Parents,



Well, here we are at the beginning of Term 2 already. As you can see below we have a very busy term ahead! We have had a great start to the term and the students have been working very well! I would sincerely like to thank you and your child for your organisation in bringing back notices so efficiently. We

no longer can accept verbal permission for excursions so it is important students have their permission slips signed and handed in prior to excursions. We understand this time of year can be expensive with the amount of excursions and incursions we are having, please see the office if you would like to set up a payment plan.

## KEY DATES

Wednesday 2nd May	Choir to visit Clarinda Manor 1.00pm
Friday 4th May	Interschool Sport vs Huntingdale @ Home Clarinda Library visit
Sunday 6th May	Working Bee
Monday 7th May	5/6 Professional Practice Day
Tuesday 8th May	Life Education Van arrives
Thursday 10th May	Mother's Day Stall
Thursday 10th May	Whole school incursion "Power of One"
Friday 11th May	House Cross Country @ School
Tuesday 15th May	NAPLAN
Wednesday 16th May	NAPLAN
Thursday 17th May	NAPLAN
Friday 18th May	Melbourne Excursion
Tuesday 22nd May	District Cross Country
Tuesday 22nd May	OPEN NIGHT 6pm-7:30pm Rock Band and Choir performance in Hall
Wednesday 23rd May	Multi-age rotations from 9:15am - 12:50pm
Thursday 24th May	Grandparents day from 9:15am-11:10am (Scones - morning tea in hall)
Friday 25th May	Interschool Sport vs Huntingdale @ Home
Thursday 31st May	MSO excursion year 5-6 from 9.30 - 1.00 \$20
Friday 1st June	Interschool Sport vs Mary Magdalene @ Home
Friday 8th June	Curriculum Day
Monday 11th June	Queens Birthday
Friday 15th June	5/6 Gala Day
Friday 22nd June	Reports home
Tuesday 26th June	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 27th June	
Friday 29th June	Assembly and early dismissal 2.30

# MARVELLOUS MELBOURNE

## Aboriginal History & Colonisation

The Inquiry Learning unit for this semester is all about Melbourne and Australia's history. Topics to be covered: Liveable cities, The First Fleet, Convict Life, Wurundjeri People, John Batman, John Fawkner, Batman's Treaty, the impact of Colonisation on the Indigenous People & Indigenous history, what was Australia like before settlement, Dreamtime stories, languages.

### Cross-curricula Links

Students will be investigating this unit of work through Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Information Technology and Design and Technology.

## HOMWORK

Suggested Homework tasks are as follows:

- Projects (Every 3 weeks)
- Reading for at least 20 minutes each night
- Spelling Grid- complete activities to add up to 4 points
- Study Ladder (minimum 2 nights a week)



## THE DIARY

If you have any reason to communicate via the diary please ensure your child lets the teacher know so that she can attend to it immediately. Also, students must bring their diaries in each day to assist with organisation as there are many upcoming events.

### ATTENDANCE- **EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

Regular and punctual school attendance is extremely important for your child's learning! You may write absence notes directly into the diary as all **absences** must be covered by a note or a phone call from home.

Please inform the office of any absences or holidays outside of regular school holidays.

## Class Dojo

Class Dojo is now set up so parents are able to connect and communicate through the Dojo App on your smart phone or tablet. Make sure you are connected so you can keep up to date with what's happening in the classroom. Ask your teacher for your unique code to set up, the app is free to use.





# Mindfulness

We will be continuing our Mindfulness sessions this term. It is very important that all students be at school by 8:45a.m. We are aware of the demands on time in the morning in a busy household and appreciate the efforts made to have our students arrive on time to take advantage of this important start to the day.

## Running around the Track

On alternate days we will be running outside on our new running track to maintain our fitness, health and well-being. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate footwear to school.



## Term 2 Rotations

*Each class will have a 2 week block with each of the following rotations this term. Rotations are on Fridays 11.10-12.50.*

### Health and Nutrition

During Health and Nutrition rotations, students will investigate the physical, mental, intellectual, social and emotional aspects of health and well-being. They will explore a range of factors and behaviours that can influence health and wellbeing and learn about nutrition and food choices to enable them to make informed decisions about their health.

### Cyber Safety

During the Cyber Safety rotations, students learn the importance of being safe online. They investigate the benefits and risks of engaging in online activities and develop strategies to protect their online identity. Students also explore a range of concepts including digital footprints and cyber bullying.

### Sustainability

We will be defining the term, 'Sustainability' and investigating the term '21st Century Resources'. We will be comparing the influences of people, including the influence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, on the way our natural resources have been used in the past and at present.

### Self and Social Awareness

This term our rotations will be exploring **self-awareness**, to help identify our own feelings, behaviours, and characteristics - to understand the cognitive, physical and emotional self. We will also be learning about **social awareness** and how it gives you the ability to understand and respond to the needs of others in social situations.

# Winter Sport

We look forward to some friendly competition with our local schools throughout this term. The sports this term are Netball, Volley Stars, Soccer and AFL 9s. Gala Day will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July.

Later in the term, selected students will participate in the District Athletics competition. The athletics squad was announced last week. Congratulations to those students selected!



## COLD

## WEATHER



Winter is approaching so it is extremely important for the children to be appropriately dressed for the weather. If your child does not want to wear their school jacket or jumper they should be encouraged to pack it in their school bag in case the weather deteriorates.

The winter is also a time for colds and sneezes. If your child is sick with a cold, please consider if they would benefit from a few days rest at home. If they are unwell, it is difficult for them to concentrate for a whole day at school. Study Ladder and take-home readers are a good way to pass the time at home.

Thank you to those families who have contributed to the class supply of tissues. We will no doubt be going through these quite quickly in the Winter months. If you have not already sent along a large box, your help in adding to our store would be appreciated.



Please remember that mobile phones are not allowed at school, however, if your child must have a phone, it needs to be handed in at the office in the morning to be collected at home time.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns or would just like to pop in and have a chat.

Kind regards,

Miss Brockman

# TERM 2 TIMETABLE

Monday (1.50-2.40)	stem
Tuesday (12.00-12.50)	MUSIC
Wednesday(1.50pm) (2.40pm)	ART LOTE
Thursday (12.00-12.50_	PE
Friday 9.15am-10.40am 11.10-12.50 1.50-2.40	Interschool Sport Rotations Library