

Monday Feb 2nd 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2015 school year. We look forward to working with you and your child this year as we do lots of exciting learning together. We welcome Mr Pilgrim into our 3/4 Team this year. He will be teaching Grade 3/4 F/P on Thursday and Friday. We also welcome Mr Hewish. The following note is to inform you about a few things happening in the Middle School.

SWIMMING

We begin our swimming program on Thursday (5th Feb). Please make sure your child comes prepared with their bathers, towel and water bottle, in a plastic bag. We will be walking to the YMCA each morning. Please feel free to walk with us to the pool. Swimming lesson times are as follows:

3/4 H - 9.30 (leave school at 9.00)

3/4 B - 10.00 (leave school at 9.30)

3/4 F/P - 10.30 (leave school at 10.00)

Any volunteers that are able to walk to the pool are most welcome.

DIARIES

School diaries will be used as the main form of communication between yourself and your child's teacher. Please ensure that the communication diary is in your child's bag at all times. The diary will not only be used for communication, but also as a 'home reading' record. After reading their take-home book, encourage your child to enter the title, or the number of pages read, into their diary. Diaries need to be signed by a parent at the end of each week.

HOMEWORK

We encourage you to participate in your child's learning by encouraging home reading and supporting them to complete homework tasks. It is an expectation that at least 15 minutes of home reading is completed each night, in addition to set homework tasks that will be given each week. On Transition Day last year, your child began preparing an 'Artefacts Box'. They were asked to find a shoe box in which to store precious things that were of significance in their lives. This is their homework task for the first week of school. In addition to helping in this way, there will be many other opportunities for you to be involved in our school community. If you would like to assist in our daily classroom program, please contact your child's teacher. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

DISCOVERIES

Our first Discoveries topic this term is 'Our Country'. There will be a focus upon symbols of Australia, celebrations, local Aboriginals, diverse cultural groups, and the states and territories of Australia.

NETBOOKS

Grade Four students will have the opportunity to lease a netbook this year. There will be more information about this later.

CAMP

Excitement will be brewing this year with our camp at Cave Hill Creek. This will take place from

Wed 29th - Fri 31st July. The camp offers wonderful opportunities to reinforce classroom learning, and to foster relationships with peers and teachers. It is expected that all students attend the camp.

P.T.O.

OTHER

Could each family please donate a box of tissues for classroom use. This would be greatly appreciated, particularly during our sniffly colder months.

Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you to ensure maximum learning opportunities for your child.

Yours sincerely,

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