Junior Sub School Newsletter

March 2014

Dates to remember:
• Fri 7th March - Footsteps Dance Lessons begin
• Mon 10th March – Labour Day Public Holiday
  No School
• Fri 14th March – Book Club Orders due
• Wed 19th March – Ride to School Day
• Thu 20th March – Whole School Photos
• Fri 4th April – Fun Food Day/Tabloid Sports/
  Last day of term – 2:30 finish

Literacy and Numeracy

In Level two, teachers are working with students to complete a one on one session of the online numeracy interview, which gives teachers an indication of the number knowledge and skills of the students. The students have focused really well and teachers have received some pleasing results. This will help shape the future learning of students, as the interview assist teachers in finding out what skills they need to develop.

In Literacy, the Junior Sub School will begin ‘Reading Focus Groups’ across Levels 1 and 2 rather than grouping children within their own classroom. This way teachers feel that the needs of the children are specifically met. Students are grouped according to their reading ability, these groups are reassessed during Professional Learning meetings to ensure that students continue to be challenged. The reading Focus Groups will take place four times a week from 11.30 to 12.00.

Footsteps Dance Program

The students will commence their first of 5 Footsteps dance sessions on the 7th March and will take place for the next four Fridays there after. The students will learn and perform simple dance sequences both individually and with a partner. Each routine promotes basic movement skills that explore rhythmic patterns, loco motor and non-loco motor movements, repetition and co-ordination. Students will be encouraged to build their confidence, as the focus is on the movement as a whole rather than technique.

Please ensure that your child’s term one excursion levy is paid prior to the commencement of the Footsteps Dance Program. Levies are now overdue and students who have not made payment will not be able to attend this incursion.

Homework in the Junior Sub School - Reading and Spelling

In Level 1 and 2 students are expected to read at home every weeknight and practice their weekly reading/spelling words. Please encourage your child to read to you each day. It is important that reading is a positive and enjoyable experience for your child at home, therefore students will be given books that aren’t too complex. There are many ways to make practicing spelling words exciting! Ask your child to write them backwards, upside-down or in fancy writing. See if you can invent an interesting game to play to assist with motivation. New spelling/reading lists are given out every Monday and spelling tests occur the following Monday. That means one whole week to learn their words! Remember that 5 reader books are borrowed once a week, so your child has one book to read per weeknight.

Come and take a look at our Maths activities too!!

Miss Licciardo and Miss Wood have been working very hard on our Maths Display Wall which is featured in the main corridor. All parents are welcome to walk down the main corridor and scan the ‘QR’ codes to see videos of students involved in math activities in the Junior school.

Kind regards,

Head lice are back! Please check your family regularly and use the necessary treatments and precautions. For more information please see our website http://www.chps.vic.edu.au/ or speak to a pharmacist.

Library

All classes have now started library sessions and borrowing readers. Our library days are:
  1A, 1B, 1C and 2A—Monday
  2B—Tuesday
  2C—Friday

It is extremely important that ALL students remember to bring their library and reading books, in their book bag, on these days.
Walking Excursion

On Wednesday and Friday of last week, Level 1 and 2 went on a walking excursion to the Chelsea Heights Community Garden to learn about the people and places in the community that positively benefit our health and wellbeing. The community garden taught us about the benefits of growing our own fruit and vegetables, eating healthy food and promoting a healthy lifestyle to the greater community. We were able to see chickens, worms and even a giant zucchini! On our walk to the Community Garden we also passed other places that help to keep us healthy and safe, such as a Medical Centre, Pharmacy, Community Centre and sporting facilities.

Here are some photos of our Community Walk!