**Middle Sub School Newsletter**

**December 2014**

**Dates to remember:**
- Thurs 11th Dec — Clean Up Day for Middle Sub School — Students will be with specialist
- Tue 9th Dec — State Wide Transition
- Fri 12th Dec — Christmas Concert 5:30pm to 7pm
- Mon 15th Dec — Leadership for 2015 announced at assembly
- Thu 18th Dec — Reports Distributed
- Fri 19th Dec — Last Day of school for 2014, Tabloid Sports Day, House colour dress, School finishes at 1.30

It can’t be? Surely we are not at the end of the year with summer holidays fast approaching…….where did the year go?! So here goes, the final newsletter for the year

**Literacy**
Students have been exposed to a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts this term. They have learnt how to enhance their comprehension through reading strategies such as cause and effect, summarising, predicting, words in context, and comparing and contrasting. Each Thursday the entire level has been assessed and broken into groups to take part in consolidation time. Some brilliant writing has been produced this term also. Students have impressed teachers with their writing this term. We have learnt about the structures and features of information reports, explanations and narratives and they have really built up their vocabulary and including ‘Wow Words’ in their writing. Now we know summer holidays is a time for fun, family, and relaxation, but encouraging your child to read over the holidays will great benefit their learning….trips to the library and checking out the free activities is a great way to spark their interest- Check out http://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/library/Kids-Place/Summer-Reading-Club http://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/library/Kids-Place/Kids-Activities

**Numeracy**
Our focus has been on multiplication, division and fractions this term. Our data shows some really pleasing improvement in these areas and the regular practise and graphing of rocket tables results has been a big success with many students progressing onto Bronze level. It would be fantastic if parents could encourage students to continue regular practise on the holidays. A great website that the kids love to practise on is called ‘Hit the Button’. We highly recommend having a look at it.

**Inquiry Topic**
Our Inquiry topic this term has been Manmade Structures. We began the term with the Planks incursion, which was immense fun and have since investigated a variety of bridges within Australia and the world. We then started looking at the past and current tallest buildings in the world and our very own MCG. The students got a real appreciation for local structures when they travelled to the city to look at the amazing skyscrapers, bridges and historical buildings and then on to the Eureka tower and sky deck!

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