September 2014

Dates to remember:

- Thursday 4th September — Book Week Incursion
- Friday 5th September — Father’s Day Stall
- Friday 5th September — Chelsea/Patterson District Athletics Carnival
- Friday 12th September — 2015 Foundation Transition Session
- Friday 12th to Thursday 18th September — Book Fair
- Wednesday 17th September — Stomp Dance Company
- Thursday 18th September — Level 3 Sleepover
- Friday 19th September — Tabloid Sports (Footy colours), Fun Food Day, Last Day of Term 3 — 2:30pm Finish
- Monday 6th October — First Day of Term 4
- Monday 6th October — 2015 Foundation Parent Information Night 6:30pm to 8pm

Numeracy

For most of this term, students in the Middle Sub School have been working on their multiplication and division skills. We began investigating what multiplication really means and explored the connection to repeated addition through arrays. From there, students were taught a variety of strategies and processes for solving mental, written and worded problems that involve multiplication. Learning about multiplication provides a solid base for introducing division and once again we explored what it really means to divide and looked at the processes and strategies available for solving division equations. Both of these concepts need to be supported by a solid recall of times tables; something that is practised, tested and measured on a weekly basis in the middle school.

We can’t stress enough how important it is for your child to learn their times tables and additional practise at home is always recommended, especially for those students who do not memorise times tables easily. If you would like any addition ideas, worksheets or resources sent home to support your child, please contact their classroom teacher.

Literacy

As part of our ‘Book Week’ celebrations, students are being treated to the Book Week Incursion ‘Worlds Apart’ this Thursday 4th September.

The sessions will be as follows:

- Foundation – Level 2: 9.30am and Level 3 – Level 6: 11.35am

Both performances run for approximately 1 hour in the June Elliott Hall and are based on books that are nominated for The Australian Book Council’s Book of the Year awards. For more information on book week go to:


Inquiry Topic

Our Inquiry topic has taken us on adventures to the Edithvale Wetlands and we have also learnt many facts about many other vital waterways we have in our local area. Students have studied how human actions have affected Kananook Creek, The Carrum Swamp, The Edithvale Wetlands, Patterson River and Dandenong Creek.

This week, and for the remainder of the term, students will use this knowledge to complete an inquiry project which will focus on sustaining our local waterways.

Camp

Camp is finally here. When this newsletter is published Level Four students would have returned from ‘Golden Valley Lodge’ with many great stories to share about their adventures. Stay tuned for some recounts in the next newsletter!

The Middle Sub School Team