Senior Sub School Newsletter

Month 2014

Welcome Back
Welcome back to a cold and wintery start to Term 3. We have shivered our way through some very icy conditions that are hopefully behind us! The senior school has a number of staffing changes throughout Term 3. The lovely Miss Evans is our Acting Assistant Principal for the whole term and her class is being replaced by Miss Jeanes. 5A is being well taken care of by Miss Goetz whilst Miss Breheny is off touring South America for the first 5 weeks of term. She will return Monday 18th August. Mr Rosser has taken leave from Monday 4th August until Monday 18th August. His class will be looked after by Miss James. The senior school continues to plan and deliver lessons in a collaborative way, and although we have a few staffing changes, class work will remain as normal.

Literacy
This term students are focussing on two text types, Recount and Narrative. They will be learning effective strategies to help make their writing more interesting. Along with class work and our VCOP sessions, we also use consolidation time to help students strengthen their knowledge of simple, compound and complex sentences. Teachers have seen a noticeable difference in student’s written work as they begin to understand sentence structure.

Numeracy
Term 3 began with Time! Students looked at converting from 12 to 24 hour time, understanding how to read and interpret timetables and travelled around the world using multiple time zones to help them. We have now begun our unit on Fractions. A term which sometimes makes adults squirm, is being delivered though a hands on approach with explicit teaching, using concrete materials to help demonstrate how to cut whole objects into portions, and apps to help consolidate all their understandings. Each lesson has a clear objective and success criteria to help students achieve results from their individual point of need. After fractions, we will be moving on to Decimals and Percentages.

Inquiry
Our Inquiry topic in Term 3 is Sustainability. Students will be looking at Our Environmental Legacy, identifying and explaining the relationship that exists within and between elements in the environment. Students will learn about environmental issues that are impacting the Earth and what they can do to help reduce their impact on it. Some issues that we will be focussing on include; Climate change, Pollution, Recycling, Over-population and Land clearing. If you have any expertise in this area, the senior school team welcome your involvement. Please see your child’s teacher if you would be interested in sharing your knowledge with us.

Specialist Changes
Term 3 has a new specialist timetable. Please ensure your child is prepared for their specialist lessons.

Level 5 Performing Arts: Tuesday
Sport and Art: Thursday
Level 6 Art and Sport: Tuesday
Performing Art: Thursday

Dates to remember:
- Fri 8th Aug—Freddo Frog payments due
- Fri 8th Aug—Book Club orders due
- Fri 8th Aug—Interschool Sports at CHPS against Aspendale P.S.
- Fri 15th Aug—Interschool Sports at Aspendale Gardens P.S.
- Sat 16th to Fri 22nd Aug—International Book Week
- Wed 20th Aug—CHPS Athletics Carnival at Ballam Park (Note change of date)
- Fri 22nd Aug—2015 Foundation Transition Session 1
- Sun 24th Aug—Term 3 Working Bee
- Mon 25th to Sun 31st Aug—Literacy and Numeracy Week
- Fri 29th Aug—CHPS Art Show
- Fri 29th Aug—Interschool Sports at CHPS
- Thu 4th Sep—Book Week Incursion: Perform Musicals ‘Worlds Apart’
- Fri 5th Sep—Father’s Day Stall
- Thu 11th Sep—Level 6 Indoor Rock Climbing
- Fri 19th Sep — Fun Food Day
- Fri 19th Sep — Tabloid sports
- Fri 19th Sep — Last day of Term 3, 2:30pm finish
- Mon 6th Oct—Term 4 starts
Level 6 Graduation Fundraising

It has come to the very exciting and busy time when we start our Level 6 graduation fundraising. The Level 6 students will be selling ‘Sprout ‘ems’ grow-your-own kits.

There are three different type of kits to purchase: Flower garden, veggie garden and the very popular pizza garden. The kits cost $6 and the students will be selling them out in the community over the next couple of weeks.

There will be lots of ways you can support the Level 6 graduation fundraising team in Term 3 and Term 4 and we require parent participation to make this special time successful for our graduates.

Thank you for supporting our graduation by being an active part of our fundraising efforts. If you would like to join our Level 6 fundraising team please email Miss. Evans on evans.elizabeth.r@edumail.vic.gov.au.

So collect your dollars and buy yourself a $6 ‘Sprout ‘ems’ kit!!!

Thank you soooooo much to Kyron and Adrian (dad) for the support and timely idea!!!