Senior Sub School Newsletter

March 2015

Wowee!! What a start to 2015 for the Senior School.

It has been action packed and all senior school students are preparing themselves for all the challenges and excitement that lies ahead.

Firstly we would like to welcome Mr Kenny Horn and Mrs Lisa Reiffel to the Senior School. We are excited to have their wealth of experience and knowledge as part of our team.

Start to the year!

In the classroom, students have been participating in our ‘Setting the Climate’ program that prepares the for the classroom life this year. Level 5s and 6s have been exploring the reasons we come to school, what it means to live by the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Cooperation. How to be a good leader as well as establishing classroom processes that assist in the development of a safe, supportive and productive classroom environment.

Numeracy

The senior school students have been reviewing and applying their knowledge of place value and large numbers during mathematics lessons and investigating the concept of number. They will continue to look at negative numbers, primes, composites, multiples and factors. For the last few weeks of the term the senior school will be looking at 12 and 24 hour time, converting time and elapsed time.

Literacy

To start the year, the senior school have been learning all the components of a narrative and the accompanying language features. They have been introduced to a process of working through words in context during vocabulary lessons and are adapting to the high standard of book work and homework required at this level.

Inquiry

This term’s Inquiry/Reading topic is the Australian Government. Through vocabulary and comprehension activities, students have explored the Australian Parliamentary system and the significant people that influence Australian politics.

MAMBO excursion

Senior school students participated in an Art excursion to Melbourne’s Federation Square that saw them visit an exhibition of Mambo. All thoroughly enjoyed the interesting pieces of art and there are some budding artists amongst the group.

1:1 iPad Program

Students have made a successful start to the year with the use of their iPads. They will have the opportunity to access the device and all its applications in a wide variety of subject areas. A Google share space has been created so that students can access classwork including comprehension, vocabulary and weekly reading texts.

Sport and Physical Activity

On the sporting field the Level 6s are participating in interschool sport playing cricket, basketball, ‘walla rugby’ and volleyball against local primary schools. Results have been mixed but all enjoy the opportunity to play sport and compete against others in the local area.

The Level 5s have been actively participating in a welfare/engagement program called Syked4Sport. This program is run by local footballers with a background in Physical Education. Weekly sessions have emphasised the importance of good nutrition, team work and physical activity. Students are exposed to a variety of sports such as soccer, basketball, Australian rules football and netball.

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