



## NEWSLETTER 23 July 2019

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY	24	Cooking
	25	Swimming
	29	School Council
	31	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>
AUG	1	Swimming
	2	Winter Sports
	5	Art
	7	Cooking
	8	Swimming
	14	Library
	15	Music Performance

### TOILET ROSTER

JUL	26	Orr
AUG	2	Osborne
	9	Pollard
	16	Preston
	23	Ring
	30	Robertson
SEP	6	Rothera
	13	Shepherd
OCT	11	Tanner
	18	Wood
	25	Younger

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3. It only seems the other day that we were commencing Term 2. We have lots of exciting things happening this term, the key one is our Collaborative Unit of work which will culminate in a Learning Expo celebration for everyone at the end of the term. We will also be undertaking an analysis of our performance over the last four years in readiness for our School Review in Term 4. Keep an eye on this to see how you can be involved in this vital process. This term also sees us utilise *Minecraft* as part of each grades learning, with a particular focus on the Personal & Social Capability. This is an amazing program that all Victorian State schools now have free access to and is a great resource for student engagement.

Can you please note the following:

#### **Around the Classes**

Our Foundation/1 class last week made some ice cream. Apart from enjoying the end result, they were focusing on reading a recipe (**English**) and writing about their experience. **Mathematics** came into it as they were measuring and counting out the ingredients. They have also been counting by 5's and 10's, leading up to multiplication by 5 and 10.

The Grade 2/3 class have been exploring plurals (**English**) and Multiplication (**Mathematics**). In **Science** they have been looking at adaptation and habitats of various animals.

And finally, our Grade 4/5/6 class have been looking at various styles of poetry (**English**). In **Mathematics** the focus has been on data representation (graphing) and in **Economics** they have been learning the difference between needs and wants.

### **Student of the Week**

Our congratulations go to the following students who have recently received an award .....

Lily Rothera – developing her listening skills

Cody Graham – making a great start to the term

Jim Shepherd – excellence with his acrostic poem



### **Pupil Free Day**

School Council has approved Wednesday 31 July as a Pupil Free Day. As such there will be no school operating on this day. Staff will be working on analysing data as part of the School Review process on this day.

### **Spare Clothes**

With the winter weather comes the necessity every so often to change clothes for students who have fallen over and have got dirty. We are VERY LOW on tracksuit pants, so if you have any spares at home that you are willing to donate to our supply, they would be greatly appreciated.

### **Swimming**

Our swimming program commenced last week and despite going in two different groups, all went well. There may be a change around of groups for some students, which is perfectly normal after our first session.

### **Cooking**

We welcome Rachel Hogan as our new cook for the cluster Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. Rachel comes with lots of experience in this role at other schools.

### **Bookclub**

Attached is a Bookclub order. Orders are made online through LOOP. Instructions are on the back of the order. Orders close 31/08/2019.

### **Winter Sports**

Attached is a permission form for the cluster Winter Sports that are being held at Whitfield on Friday 2 August. This is an all day event, so please ensure they have appropriate clothing/footwear and all their snacks/lunch and drinks.

Thank you

Howard Gibson  
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