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Small School Big Learning

Newsletter

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Our Vision: Developing independent, confident and creative learners in an individualised learning environment

We value Teamwork, Respect, Responsibility & Independence

Dates to Remember

Grade 5/6 Leadership Day

Labour Day Holiday

Family Get Together/Disco @ 5.30pm

Whole School Swimming program

School Council Annual General Meeting

School Photos

Harmony Day excursion

YV99.1FM 'Schools In' program

Term 1 concludes 2.30pm

Thursday, March 5th

Monday, March 9th

Friday, March 13th

Monday 16th – Friday 20th March

Monday, March 16th

Thursday, March 19th

Monday, March 23rd

Friday, March 27th

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Mrs Cole's Column

Meridith Day will be taking Leave for all of Term 2. She will be travelling with her family. The position has been advertised, giving the successful applicant the opportunity to meet with Meridith for handover ensuring a smooth transition for our Grade 4/5/6 students. I hope that Meridith and her family enjoy their travelling experience.

I am extremely concerned about the number of students who are not reading at home, daily. There is always 10 – 15 minutes in a day to enjoy reading with your child and sharing a book, chatting about the

pictures and making connections with the book and their own experiences. Even for the older students, a discussion around what they are reading. You can find out about the plot, who their favourite character is, and so on. We need to instill a love of reading into our children, modelling that we enjoy it, as well as reading for gaining information and knowledge about things.

Once again, we will join Coldstream PS for their annual celebration of Harmony Day. We will be entertained by Dion Drummond. He is an indigenous singer, dancer and storyteller. Dion will share tales, artefacts and language from both his cultures, teaching students about the different traditions of his Torres Strait Island and Aboriginal Indigenous heritage. Students will learn

songs and dances, and about values such as respect. We look forward to the performance. A notice will be sent home shortly.

Deanna Cole

Principal

Quote for the fortnight: One of the secrets to staying young is to always do things you don't know how to do, to keep learning.

Student of the Week



Zander for an improvement in reading fluency and Soundwaves knowledge.

Keira for improved work efforts this week.

Kai for nurturing others around him.

Billie for being helpful in class.

Tyson for fantastic writing.

Ella for taking initiative.

Bailey for excellent manners and showing courtesy on an excursion.

YV99.1FM



Please note our next radio broadcast for 2020 will be on **Friday 27th March**. Presenters will be Bailey, Kiara and Cameron.

Remember to tune in at 10.15am to YVFM 99.1 to listen.

School Council AGM

Nominations for School Council members have closed. There was no need for a ballot.

Our 2020 School Council members will be Charmelle Adams, Jessica Brooks, Naomi Cartwright, Christine Topma, Doug Wookey and myself.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 16th March commencing at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome, but would be great to RSVP if you wish to attend. There will be a general meeting held afterward commencing at 7pm.

Parent Club



Family Get Together/Disco

Our annual family 'get together' will be held on Friday 13th March at school as a disco/sausage sizzle. The night will commence at 5.30pm and conclude at 7pm. The theme will be come along dressed as something beginning with 'Dd'. Order forms for sausages, for catering purposes, have been sent home. Please return these by Tuesday 10th March.

Everyone is welcome.

School Photos



School photos will be held on **Thursday 19th March**. Envelopes will be sent home shortly when received.

Swimming Program



The 2020 swimming program will commence on Monday 16th March and continue all week until Friday 20th March. Swimming program involves 5 one-hour sessions. A notice has come home today. The cost will be \$25.

Pancake Day

Thanks to the P/2/3 students and Nanna Faye who mixed up the batter for the pancakes. Everyone enjoyed the variety of toppings on our pancakes.

Thank you to everyone who made a gold coin donation to the Cancer Council. We raised \$38.

Class Talk

Whole School Writing focus

Our writing focus is **Information text**.

Soundwaves (spelling program)

In the last two weeks we have been concentrating on the following phonemes (sounds):

| k c q ck x(ks) ch | |
|-------------------|-------------|
| k kite | ck account |
| c car | cq acquire |
| q queen | qu liquor |
| ck sock | que cheque |
| x(ks) fox | cch gnocchi |
| ch school | |

Extended Sound Box

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|-----------|------------|
| e egg | ai said |
| ea head | ay says |
| a any | eo leopard |
| u bury | ei heifer |
| ie friend | |

Extended Sound Box

Whole School Maths focus for Term 1

Place Value

Addition

Subtraction

Length

Volume and capacity

Mass

Please help to reinforce at home what your child is learning at school.

Science Focus for Term 1

Biological Science

Feather, fur or leaves? P/2/3

Among the Gum Trees 4/5/6

Integrated Studies Topic for Term 1

Growing Older and Wiser (P/2/3)

Ethics and Emotion (4/5/6)

(Critical and Creative Thinking)

Grade P/1/2

In Reading, we continue to focus on comprehension and making inferences about text. We have been reading persuasive texts and discussing cause and effect.

We have been working on past tense verbs and rhyming words in Soundwaves.

In Writing, we have commenced our persuasive text unit, discussing for and against, and having different opinions on different things.

In Maths, we continue to work on problem solving and addition, including number lines, and next week in applied Maths, we will commence working on Length.

Grade 4/5/6

Another busy few weeks in the 4-6 room. The 5/6's enjoyed their kayaking on Lilydale Lake, even in the cold! They all did very well.

We are finishing off our final information reports this week and hope to have them displayed in the hall and classroom soon. Next week we will move onto persuasive writing for the remainder of the term.

We are continuing our focus on comprehension in reading. The students are practising monitoring what they reading and checking for understanding. We will move onto inferring next week.

In Maths we have looked at perimeter, heading outside to consolidate our understanding by checking the perimeter of several buildings. We are finishing up our addition and will start subtraction next week. The students have looked at a number of strategies to help with mental addition and will do the same with subtraction.