



Small School Big Learning

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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

Reports to be sent home
School Council meeting (8pm)
'The Grumpiest Boy in the World' Arts Centre
Term 2 concludes (2.30pm finish)
Term 3 commences

Monday, June 19th (week of)
Tuesday, June 20th
Thursday, June 22nd
Friday, June 23rd
Monday, July 10th

Mrs Cole's Column

We finished Education Week off with making shadow puppets of ourselves doing something like running or a star jump, us as an animal and as an object. Congratulations to all our Grade 3-6 students who competed in the Wandin Districts Cross Country Run. The 9-year old and 10-year-old students completed a 2 kilometre track, while the 11 & 12 year olds ran a 3 kilometre track. Everyone participated with enthusiasm and completed the course, which was fantastic. Last Wednesday 24th May students and staff participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime. It is something that I don't believe that we have participated in before. A wonderful session with the book and the activities we completed. The picture book chosen for this year was "The Speedy Sloth" written by Rebecca Young and illustrated by Heath McKenzie. We read the book online with the author and illustrator who were at the Taronga Zoo, Sydney, and also with one of the zookeepers from Singapore Zoo who read the book to the sloths. After that we watched a baby sloth video and wrote a poem about one of the animals from the book. Please find

these attached for your perusal. Heath showed us how to draw a sloth and we made a sloth bookmark. Please see our drawings in the hallway at your leisure. They look great!

There has been some recent staff changes, and as a result some timetable changes too. Meridith has picked up a two day a week position at Victoria Road PS and spends one day per week at Yering PS. Meridith's contract at Victoria Road is until the end of September at this stage. Ruth has picked up a couple more hours during the week. Due to the staffing changes, Meridith is now timetabled to teach Science, measurement in Maths, Art and PE on Thursdays.

Reports will be sent home during next week, with Parent/Teacher interviews being held early in Term 3. A date will be confirmed for interviews shortly.

A great night was had by all at the School Family Disco. Thank you to Jess for providing the music and to Ruth and Meridith for preparing and serving food at the disco. It was lovely to invite last year's finishing Grade 6 students back to join us at the disco, and they all came! It was great to hear that all students attending the cross country run put in their best effort and participated with enthusiasm.

We are looking forward to our city excursion next Thursday 22nd June. A permission notice went home this week. Please ensure that you sign and return the notice by Tuesday 20th June. Thank you to the Parent Club for funding our excursion.

Please note that Term 2 concludes Friday 23rd June at 2.30pm. Please cross the highway with caution.

The staff and myself wish all of you a lovely break and lots of rest. See you back at school on Monday 10th July for our first Breakfast Club for Term 3.

Deanna Cole

Principal

Quote for the fortnight: Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken.

Student of the Week Awards



Jack for writing a great persuasive piece.

Cruz for displaying a positive attitude.

Jack for an amazing week at school.

Breakfast Club

We will be having a special family breakfast for our final Breakfast Club of Term 2 on Monday 19th June. We will be serving from 8.30am. We will be serving, and using some of our newly purchased equipment, to provide you with cheese toasties, French toast and banana smoothies. Thank you to Foodbank for the donation that enabled us to purchase fridges, blender, bigger toaster, sandwich press and microwave. A catering form has been sent home to return to school by Friday to indicate how many attending and what you might like to eat. Looking forward to seeing you there. All welcome!

Class Talk

Whole School Writing focus

We will commence our poetry unit. We will cover rhyming words and various forms of poetry including acrostic, alliteration, onomatopoeia, limericks, cinquains and prose, just to name a few.

Spelling Program - Soundwaves

We have recently covered the following phoneme (sounds) – 'l' as in lizard, 'ee' as in bee and 'm' as in moon. The sound box for each phoneme (sound) are below showing you the most common graphemes (letter/s) that make the sound.



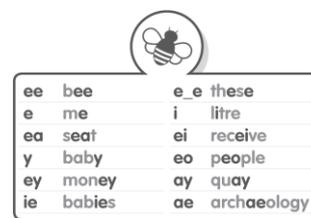
Sound Box



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Whole School Maths focus for Term 2

Multiplication

Division

Fractions and Decimals

Time

Volume and Capacity

Mass

Science Focus for Term 2

Physical Science

Light Shows

Integrated Studies for Term 2

Intercultural studies – Cultural Celebrations

Whole School

We continue to work on comprehension and inferencing in reading.

In writing, we have been working on making dot points from information we have read or heard, with the aim to turn the points into a complete text. We have now completed a post test for our unit on information text and we have started our Poetry unit of work now.

In Maths, we are working on fractions – improper, proper, mixed numbers, equivalent fractions and showing fractions of a group of items. We will move onto decimals and percentages with the older students. Meridith has been completed her unit of work on Volume and Capacity. Problem solving is also another area we are concentrating on in Maths.

We have been looking at different cultural celebrations around the world. We have completed some activities around these celebrations such as making an ice structure and writing information text about some celebrations.

In Science we have been working on Light. Some of our recent experiments involved getting down on the floor in

the hallway. Monte decided to join us for the experiment. We're not sure how hard Monte was working that day because he seemed to be taking it easy! 😊



Please come and have a look at some of the work we have completed of late. It is in the hallway. There are some sloth poems that we wrote after reading 'The Speedy Sloth' and our ice structures, as well as our sloth drawings.