

# 5/6 NEWSLETTER

## TERM TWO

### Welcome back for another busy term!

Welcome back – we hope everyone has had a refreshing, relaxing break over Easter. We have been planning and preparing for an exciting term ahead and are looking forward to a busy, yet productive term!

Just a reminder about teachers and their email addresses:

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Please feel free to come and see us, call or email us with any questions. Matters requiring urgent attention should not be emailed (e.g. a student needing to be picked up early) as our focus during the day is teaching and we may not check our email in time.

### Curriculum

**Literacy** – students have regular lessons covering reading, writing and speaking and listening. This term we will refresh our book boxes with ‘Just Right’ books, focus on specific comprehension strategies, write persuasive pieces, narratives, recounts and information reports. Students will use VCOP strategies and editing to uplevel all of their writing pieces. ‘Cold Write’ and ‘Big Write’ will continue to improve student engagement and build excitement for all genres of writing this term. When you receive a ‘Big Write’ topic, please discuss and write down ideas and interesting vocabulary with your child and send notes back to school on their ‘Big Write’ day. This has an enormously positive impact on their writing.

**Numeracy** – students have regular lessons covering Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability. We have a strong emphasis on strategies and understanding concepts. We have been looking at Order of Operations and will be moving on to Fractions, Data and Graphing, 24-hour time, 3D shapes, Symmetry and Transformation and Mapping.

**Inquiry** – our focus this term is Resilience. Level 5/6 will be looking at our environment, the ways in which it is changed by natural and unnatural causes and how humans can overcome these changes. This is an extremely broad topic which covers natural disasters, human impact and sustainability.

### Key Dates

House Cross  
Country

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
May

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NAPLAN

9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>  
May

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Senior Choir  
Ferndale Visit

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

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District Cross  
Country

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
May

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Grandparents and  
Special Friends  
Day

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
May

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Somers Camp

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>  
June

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## Sport

This term students will participate in interschool sport. Playing a variety of winter sports including Netball, Football, Softball, Soccer, Volley Stars and Hot Shots. Students have been placed in teams and have already begun competing against our neighbouring schools to test their skills. Interschool sport takes place from 12:30 until 3:00 every Friday this term.



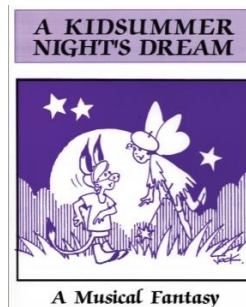
## Cyber Safety

Keeping with the message from Kerrie and throughout the school about remaining safe online, we expect all students to exhibit exemplary online behaviour both in and out of school. At school, students use digital devices and technology every day and are learning about the appropriate use of digital devices and

technology. It would be a shame if we could not trust our students on these devices. We also understand that some students require mobile phones for travelling to and from school. It is school policy that students do not keep their phones in their bags. They need to be switched off and handed to classroom teachers upon arrival at school and collected at the end of the day. Phones will be stored in a locked cupboard in the 5/6 area.

## 5/6 Production

As you all know 5/6 Production is coming! The production will be played over two nights at Melba College. The dates are the 18th and 19th of October, so clear your schedules. All 5/6 students will have some involvement in the production, with a range of roles available (leading roles, smaller parts and groups). Auditions will be held for the leading roles towards the end of Term 2. Tickets will be on sale in Term 3.



## Somers Camp

This is an exciting opportunity for our 5/6 students. On the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 10 lucky students will be heading down to Somers for a 9-day camp. They will have a wonderful 9 days, but we know that they will miss coming to school every day.

## Welfare

Your child's welfare is our primary concern, so if you have any issues or questions please come and see us. It has been wonderful to watch both the Year 5 and Year 6 students take on the responsibility and leadership roles that come with being the oldest and wisest students in the school. We hope this continues throughout the term and the rest of the year.

## Key Dates

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Maroondah All Inclusive

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Queen's Birthday

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Division Cross Country

13<sup>th</sup> June

Parent Teacher Interviews

Week Beginning 26<sup>th</sup> June

Last day of Term 2

30<sup>th</sup> of June