

LEVEL 3/4 NEWS

Welcome Back

Welcome back everybody. We trust you all had a great Easter. Firstly, a big thank you to all the parent helpers who have contributed to Level 3 and 4 and the school more generally.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. By now your child has received their own personal PRC login and password. They will use these details to personally update their reading list at school and at home.

School Photos

School photos will take place on the 3rd of May.

Public Holidays

ANZAC Day: April 25

Queen's Birthday: June 13

Upcoming Events

Cross Country

On Wednesday 4th May, we are having our House Cross Country. It will be taking place between 12:00pm and 2:00pm here at school, with all students competing and contributing to their House. Students are encouraged to dress in their house colours to get into the spirit of the day. There will be best dressed awards presented on the day. Students will need to wear running shoes and are encouraged to bring warm clothes for after their event.

Royal Flying Doctor Service

As part of our Term 2 Unit 'Diversity', the Royal Flying Doctor Service will land at Tinternvale on June 1st. Students will learn all about the vital services provided to those living in isolated areas of our country, as well as being able to literally strap themselves into the plane.

Production

Production will be held at the George Wood Performing Arts Centre at Yarra Valley Grammar. The date of the performance is the 18th of July and the theme is 'Australia'. More information will be sent home shortly.

Swimming

Swimming will take place from July 25-29. This year we have decided to attend Kilsyth Swimming Centre. As swimming is part of the curriculum, it is an expectation that all students attend. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Curriculum Focus:

Literacy:

We will continue to teach and revise comprehension strategies during reading sessions. These include determining importance, summarising, inferring, questioning and visualising. Please refer to these strategies when reading with your child. Ask them to explain the strategies to you!

Writing:

We started the term off writing narratives. Students will also be writing poetry, information reports, persuasive texts and letters. Please encourage your child to bring in 'seeds' to add to their seed books.

Maths:

This term we will be focusing on multiplication, division, decimals, money, angles, area and probability.

Inquiry:

This term's big idea is 'Diversity'. Our unit will focus on the geography of our country and the challenges that this creates for its citizens. They will also be able to identify the areas of Australia that have tropical climates and those that cycle through the four seasons.



Level 3 and 4 will be going to Sovereign Hill on September 15. This is a long day excursion and is running as an alternative to camp. We will depart Tinternvale at 9:00am and will return at approximately 10:30pm that night. The cost of this excursion will be \$100 (this includes the cost of the RFDS incursion which will take place on June 1st). Further information will be sent home closer to the date.

NAPLAN

This term the Grade 3's will participate in NAPLAN. They will complete tests in the subject areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy. The tests will take place from May 10-12.

What you can do at home to help your child

Read, read, read!!! Please hear your child read aloud as much as possible. Ask them questions about what they are reading. Include questions where the answers are directly stated in the text as well as questions that require them to infer – to use clues and prior knowledge to gain more understanding of the text. This is something even the best readers need to work on!

Any opportunity to experience maths in real life is a bonus. Ask your child to tell the time on an analogue clock, weigh the fruit and veggies at the supermarket, have them pay for items at the shops and calculate change, use fractions when cutting fruit etc.