

**Monday 15th April 2017**

**Dear Middle School Parents,**

Welcome to Term 2.

We are happy to welcome Mr Max Mays into the Year 3 / 4 team. He will be teaching 4MM previously 4KV.

In week 2, from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April, the Year 4's will head off to Mt Evelyn to attend their first school camp. During their stay at Camp Oasis they will participate in a range of outdoor education activities and also ride "Puffing Billy". As part of the buddy program, the Year 3's will commence their visits to the local kindergartens.

The whole school cross country will be held at Greythorn Park on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April in week 1. Children are encouraged to wear their house colours. Throughout Term 2 the Year 3 and 4 students will be participating in AFL 9's as part of the Sport program at Greythorn Primary. This will involve four clinics over the following proposed dates: Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup>. These clinics will focus on the fundamental skills of football including kicking, hand passing and bouncing. Then applying these skills into small sided matches.

We will continue to discuss the skills of predicting, questioning, clarifying and summarising during our Independent Reading sessions. Reciprocal teaching will also begin. This is a teacher-directed small group session, where students learn to use their reading analysis with their peers to help build upon each other's learning. In Writing, our focus will be on planning, editing and writing narratives and informative texts.

Mathematics will continue to cover the areas of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. Weekly Mathletics tasks will be assigned to be completed at home. These tasks will complement the areas we are teaching in class. Please encourage your child to talk to their teacher if they don't understand a task.

Naplan will occur for Year 3 students on the 9<sup>th</sup> (language conventions and writing), 10<sup>th</sup> (reading) and 11<sup>th</sup> (numeracy) of May. All students are expected to participate.

Our Inquiry unit will have a Civics and Citizenship focus making connections to Law and Order in our society.

All Students will be involved in the Wellbeing curriculum program which includes a focus on school values, our buddy program for the Year 4's, class awards, bucket filling and kinder visits for the Year 3 students.

#### **Reminders for this term**

- Please check *Compass* regularly for information regarding upcoming events and permission/payment forms. Student absences must be recorded.
- Ensure iPads are updated regularly and appropriate amounts of storage are available for ongoing use. iPads are to be fully charged each day.
- Continue Homework contract and complete reading journals weekly.

If you have any concerns during the term, please don't hesitate to contact your class teacher.

Looking forward to another fantastic Term.

*The Middle School Teachers*