

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Dear Middle School Parents,**

We hope you have had a safe and relaxing holiday!

In Term 3, the whole school House Athletics Carnival will be held at the Tom Kelly Athletics Track in Doncaster East on the first day of Term 3 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July and students are encouraged to wear their house colours.

In weeks 1 and 2 from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July, the Year 4's will participate in their 9 day swimming program at Aquarena in Doncaster. As part of the buddy program, the Year 3's will continue their visits to the local kindergartens.

Throughout Term 3, the Year 3 and 4 students will be participating in Hoop Time trials as part of the Sport program at Greythorn Primary. These sessions will focus on the fundamental skills of basketball.

We are looking forward to the whole school music concert 'Dreamweaver' which will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Besen Centre in Burwood. Rehearsals are well underway and will continue in the lead up to this event. A reminder that Year 3 are performing on August 1<sup>st</sup> and the Year 4's are performing on both August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. More information about ticketing is available via Compass and the schools website.

We will continue to develop skills in predicting, questioning, clarifying and summarising during our Independent Reading sessions. Reciprocal teaching continues through teacher-directed small group book chat discussions, using both fiction and non-fiction texts. In Writing, our focus will be on information reports, poetry and recounts. Students will continue planning, writing and editing texts.

Mathematics will continue to cover the areas of Money, Division, Fractions, Decimals, 2D and 3D shapes, symmetry, transformations and revision of Volume, Capacity and Mass. Weekly Mathletics tasks will be assigned as homework for completion 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.

Our Inquiry unit will have a Chemical Science focus making connections to natural and processed materials used to package everyday items. We will be using the Discovery Centre weekly to assist our learning and investigations.

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 and kinder visits for the Year 3 students.

### **Reminders for Term 3**

- Please check *Compass* regularly for information regarding upcoming events and permission/payment forms. Student absences must be recorded by parents.
- 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 contracts 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*