



Tuesday 9th October 2018

Dear Middle School Parents,

Welcome to our final term newsletter for 2018.

EXPO

This term we will be celebrating the students learning with a whole school EXPO in the classrooms. We welcome students and families to the school to come and visit the classrooms to see all of the exciting learning that is happening from Prep – Year 6. The EXPO runs over two days in these times:

Wed 24th October - Open afternoon 2:00-5:00pm

Thurs 25th October - Open morning 8.30-10.30am

Summer Cup

As part of our middle years Sport program, the Year 3 and 4 students will be participating in the 'Summer Cup'. Students will be divided into 16 teams based on their houses and will compete in eight different sports such as T-ball, Rounders, Soccer, Bowling, Newcomb, Cricket, Tennis and Hockey. Some Year 4 students will be elected to lead the teams, providing them with the opportunity to develop their leadership skills.

Literacy

During Independent Reading we will be exploring the rhythm and sounds of poetry, and continuing Book Club where students read novels and discuss their thinking with their peers in their Readers Notebooks. Students will continue to develop their writing ideas through their writer's notebook, with explicit instruction in writing poetry as well as developing character, setting and plot in fictional narratives. Our Words Their Way Spelling Program continues, as well as our weekly handwriting lessons to consolidate the application of fluent Victorian Cursive Writing script.

Mathematics

Students will further develop their skills and knowledge of Measurement and Geometry in the areas of Area, 2D and 3D shapes, Volume, Capacity and Mass. In addition, students will further revise and consolidate their Number and Algebra skills, Data and representations of statistics, and finish the year with problem solving. Weekly Mathematics tasks will be assigned as homework for completion at home. These tasks will complement the areas we are focusing on in the classroom.

Wellbeing

All students will be involved in the Wellbeing program which includes a focus on Collaboration. Students will participate in learning around help-seeking, conflict resolution and effective participation in group tasks. Our daily focus on school values continues. The Year 4's participate in the Prep buddy program, while the year 3's get involved with the 2019 Prep transition program. All students in year 3 and 4 will get together for weekly Middle School assemblies celebrating and sharing student learning.

Science

The focus for Science this term is Physical Science. Year 3 students will be exploring how heat can be produced in many ways and can move from one object to another through "Heating Up"; while the Year 4 students will investigate how forces can be exerted by one object on another through direct contact or from a distance through "Smooth Moves".

We will be welcoming Mr Mathew Vogel into 413 from Monday 12th November as Rebecca Birch will begin her family leave.

We welcome the Deakin Pre-Service teachers Miss Danielle Calvisi into 412 and Miss Laura Bird into 413, as they complete their final teaching practicum for 4 weeks.

Other Term 4 Diary Dates

Scienceworks Excursion	Monday October 15 th
Whole school EXPO	October 24 th and 25 th
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	Tuesday 6 th November
Last day Term 4	Friday 21st December 1:30pm

Reminders for Term 4

- **Compass** - Please check *Compass* regularly for information regarding upcoming events and permission/payment forms. Student absences must be recorded.
- **Family Holidays** - If you are taking your child out of school on a family holiday please enter the dates into *Compass* and inform your child's teacher. At the end of the year all books go home with students, teachers will need to know in advance if your child is leaving early so they can prepare their school materials.
- **Start of Day** - For a smooth and efficient start to the day it is important to be at school at 8:50am for a 9:00am start. If you are late to school please visit the office first to sign in and collect a 'late' pass. If you need to collect your child early during the day, please visit the office first to sign your child out and collect an 'early leaving' pass. These must be given to the child's teacher.
- **iPads** - Year 4s are to ensure their iPads are updated regularly and appropriate storage is available for ongoing use. iPads are to be fully charged each day.
- **Homework** –Homework contracts and reading journals are to be completed weekly. These are to be checked and signed by parents/guardians. Mathletics to revise and support understanding of mathematical concepts
- **Lost Property** – The lost property cupboard is located in building 3 just inside the Prep doors at the top of the ramp.
- **Rubbish Free Lunch** - In an endeavour to cut down on the amount of rubbish in the school yard we would appreciate if students could have as little packaging as possible in their lunchboxes.
- **Allergies and Anaphylaxis in the classroom** - Please be mindful that there may be students in your child's class with specific food allergies. Although Greythorn is not a 'nut free school' we do ask that you consider other children and not pack nut based foods.
- **Fruit/Vegetable Snack** - As part of our Health program, all students are encouraged to bring a small serve of fresh fruit or vegetables each day (e.g. a few carrot sticks, an apple, bag of grapes). This will be eaten in the classroom after lunch. This healthy snack is in addition to the normal playlunch snack. Please ensure that water bottles are brought daily.

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

Thank you, Middle School Teachers