Welcome back to Term 2! We hope everyone enjoyed the Easter school holidays and are ready for a busy term.

Events happening this term include:

- Wednesday May 7th - Mother’s Day stall
- Monday May 12th - District Cross Country at Ruffey Lake Park
- Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th of May - NAPLAN Testing for Level 5 students
- Wednesday May 14th from 6 to 7 pm in the school hall - Pizza and Coke night for Level 6 and 7 students
- May 19th to 23rd - Education Week
- Wednesday May 21st - NEVR Concert at Hamer Hall 7.30pm
- Thursday May 22nd - Open Morning 9-11am, Open Night 6-7.30pm
- Friday May 23rd - Interschool sports day (all day). Locations to be confirmed.
- Monday May 26th - Pupil Free Day
- Friday May 30th - ICAS Science
- Monday June 2nd to Friday June 6th - Level 6 Camp
- Wednesday June 4th - Level 5 are visiting Taskworks
- Monday June 9th - Queen’s Birthday holiday
- Thursday June 12th - Maths Olympiad
- Friday June 13th - Interschool sport finals (all day).
- Monday June 16th ICAS Writing
- Tuesday June 17th ICAS Spelling
- Parent Teacher Interviews are held in the last week of term with times to be confirmed.
- School finishes for Term 2 on Friday June 27th at 2.30 pm.

Tissues

Could each child please bring a box of tissues for their classroom. Sneezing season is just around the corner and tissues will be in great demand.

Hats

Hats need to be taken home, washed and kept in a safe place in readiness for September 1st.

Administration

All notes and money need to be returned to the class teacher in a sealed, named envelope. Please encourage your child to be responsible for this task. Absent notes are required for any length of time your child is away from school. Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled. Each child is responsible for his/her own belongings and needs to be encouraged to look after them.

Transition

At Level 6, parents need to decide what secondary school will be the most suitable for their child. This decision is a huge one. It is highly recommended that you visit numerous secondary schools, to help you make an informed decision. Secondary schools have open evenings and conduct school tours which you are warmly welcome to be part of. Information and forms have been given out to students in Level 6 regarding the transition process. Level 5 parents are encouraged to also visit schools this year, to widen their outlook.
Diaries

All Level 5 and 6 students have a diary to help them with their planning and organisation. The Learning Curve Planner is full of resources, ideas, thinking skills, number skills and general knowledge. It is an informative way for you to keep in touch with your child’s learning.

Level 6 Camp

This is a very exciting term for Level 6 students as they will be off to camp! Our students will again be attending the ‘The Summit’ which is a fabulous camp located in Trafalgar (about 90 minutes from Melbourne). It will run from Monday June 4th to Friday June 8th. Information regarding payment has been sent home. Further information will follow over the next few weeks. If you’re interested, check out The Summit website and see some of the fabulous activities on offer!

http://www.thesummit.net.au/

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Students are strongly encouraged to be a part of this challenge. We would like you to support your child by reminding them to read regularly and log on to the website to record their books.

Homework

Homework is given out on a regular basis and comprises a range of tasks. It is important for each student’s learning and organisational skills to complete these regular set tasks and return their work to school. Homework tasks are planned by teachers to supplement learning. At times, your assistance and guidance with tasks may be necessary. Preferably, tasks should be completed in a quiet, cleared area, away from distractions.

Cyber Safety

Conversations and mini lessons will take place during class throughout this term to make students aware of the appropriate use of the internet. Please talk with your child about what they are doing on the internet and how they can be safe. Discuss with them what makes a safe website and what information is ok to share with others online.

Integrated Studies

This term our Integrated Studies topics are Australian History and Civic and Citizenship. Students will explore how Australia was founded, the impact of migration and Federation. In Level 5 and 6, the children are encouraged to become more aware of the world around them and begin to take notice of interesting events and issues happening around the world.

Parent / teacher appointments

Parents, if you have any concerns, please contact your child’s classroom teacher to arrange a suitable appointment time to talk. It is always a good idea to address these concerns in the early stages to clear any unsure understandings. Please update your personal contact details at the office, if there have been any changes.

We are all looking forward to a very busy and productive term.

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