

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN LEVELS 5 and 6

TERM 2 2016



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

Events happening this term include:

- Thursday April 21st
 - House Cross Country 9.30am - 3pm
- Monday April 25th - ANZAC Day Holiday
- Tuesday April 26th - Just One Day Incursion
- Wednesday April 27th
 - Whole School Photo 9 - 11am
 - Pizza and Coke night for Year 6 and Year 7 students 6 to 7 pm in the school hall
- Thursday April 28th - AFL Girls Gala day
- Friday May 6th - District Cross Country Ruffey Lake Park 9am - 3pm
- Monday May 9th - NEVR Youth Choir and Band rehearsal 9am - 3.30pm
- Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May - NAPLAN Testing for Year 5 students
- May 16th to 20th - Education Week
- Tuesday May 17th - Open Morning 9 - 11am
- Thursday May 19th - Open Evening 6 - 7.30pm
- Monday May 23rd - NEVR Youth Choir and Band rehearsal 9am - 3.30pm
- Tuesday May 24th - NEVR Youth Choir and Band evening concert 7.30 - 10pm
- Friday May 27th - District Interschool Sports (locations to be confirmed) 9am - 3pm
- Monday May 30th - Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday May 31st - ICAS Science
- Friday June 3rd - District Interschool Sports (locations to be confirmed) 9am - 3pm
- Monday June 6th to Friday June 10th
 - Level 6 Camp
- Wednesday June 8th - Level 5 Taskworks
- Monday June 13th - Queen's Birthday holiday
- Tuesday June 14th - ICAS Writing
- Wednesday June 15th - ICAS Spelling
- Wednesday June 22nd and Thursday June 23rd
 - Parent / Teacher interviews
- School finishes for Term 2 on Friday June 24th at 2.30 pm.

Administration reminders

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 and late arrival notes are required for any length of time your child is away from school. Alternatively you can phone the office for this notification.

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.

Tissues

If you have not already done so, could you please supply a box of tissues for use in your child's classroom. Sneezing season is just around the corner and tissues will be in great demand.

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 6th to Friday June 10th.

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. Permission notices have been sent home. Please sign and return this notice if you have not already done so. Please also support your child by encouraging them to read regularly and log on to the website to record their books.

Integrated Studies

In term 2, our Integrated Studies topics are ANZAC Day, Australian History and Civics and Citizenship. Students will be engaged in inquiry-based learning about Australia's changing society in the 20th century, considering the experiences of democracy and citizenship of Indigenous Australians and Australian women.

Just One Day

In term 2, students will be learning about a day in the life of children in different countries. Students will consider the similarities and differences between themselves and their peers in impoverished countries. This will be a whole-school learning task, leading to a day of celebration of our learning during Education Week, where students will live for a day like the children we have been learning about.

Level 5 Robotics

This year, students in Level 5 will engage in a robotics discovery unit using the new LEGO Mindstorms robotics. Students will collaborate and explore a variety of sensors and motors and creatively use them through a series of tasks, programming the robots themselves to allow the robots to work autonomously to achieve each challenge. Finally, students will demonstrate their learning in an open-ended task that they will devise, refine and present to the class. This unit is very engaging and gives students a practical, hands on experience of maths, science and engineering as well as extending their confidence in digital programming.

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 on time. 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.

iPad User Agreements

Thank you for reading, signing and returning the current Rangeview iPad User Agreement. The protocols around responsible use of technology as well as online safety are revisited and reinforced throughout the year.

Assessment

Term 2 is a very busy one for assessment of your child's progress. May in particular, is a month when some classroom time is spent completing assessment tasks. Likewise, November and December for end of year assessment. Please avoid any absences unless your child is ill as it is very difficult to complete assessments if children are absent.

Parent / teacher meetings

Parents, if you have any concerns, please contact your child's classroom teacher to arrange a suitable appointment time. It is always a good idea to address these concerns in the early stages, to clear understandings.

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

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