



# What's happening in Level 3 and 4?

## Term 4 Newsletter

### **Unveiling the Past**

The Level 3 and 4 students are discovering the history of our local areas. Level 4 recently discovered what it was like to live on a farm in the 1800's through the historic homestead of Gulf Station in Yarra Glen. Level 3 will be attending a walking excursion to Schwerkolt Cottage on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October. We hope to share our discoveries and learning through a global project with a school in Italy and Pakistan and hopefully learn about the history of their local areas as well and compare to what life was like historically in other countries.

### **iPads**

In readiness for 2017, it maybe a good idea to start clearing out old videos and images from the camera roll. There maybe images you would like to keep on the iPad and these can easily be saved onto your computer. If there are apps that haven't been used in a while, they can be deleted. Once apps are deleted from the iPad they will still be on your iTunes account and can be downloaded again when needed. Doing this saves on the storage space on your iPad.

### **Flora and Fauna**

Level 3 students continue to learn gardening skills, cooking and environmental science through Flora and Fauna. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the cooking each Thursday between 11.30 and 1.00.

### **Herald Sun Newspaper – for Kids**

The Herald Sun have created a free online newspaper for kids called 'Kids News'. Kids News is a new website that gives students the news of the day in a language they can understand. It features text, pictures, audio and video where available in a safe online environment and engages students in the world around them through current events. Please take a look at this valuable free resource.

### **Robotics and Coding**

2017 brings a new Victorian Curriculum with the new Digital Technologies Curriculum. Coding and computer programming foster creativity, logic and problem solving skills; which are in demand for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century career path. Whilst we are not learning computer programming language, students in Level 3 and 4 are learning how to code through 'drag and drop' programming such as Scratch and Hopscotch. Every class will participate in the global week of Hour of Code, which takes place each year during Computer Science Education Week in December.

### **eSmart Parent Workshop**

This will be held in the library, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 6:00-7:30pm. Further details have been advertised in the newsletter and all families received a purple notice. Please notify the office if you wish to attend.

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