Dear Parents & Students,

It is amazing to see how quick the weeks have passed and we are already in the middle of term 3. Every passing day our children grow and they surprise us with new skills, talents and knowledge they gained at school. Since the start of the term students are enthusiastically going to Gymnastics every Wednesday to perform various sport activities which they enjoy a lot and keep their body healthy at the same time.

Last week our Grade 6 students had a close experience to witness newspaper printing by attending a tour of Herald Sun printing plant. This tour made them realise that it takes a lot of work, expertise and effort is needed to publish a daily newspaper. A week earlier a journalist from Geelong Advertiser visited our school and talked about different stages and process involved in news reporting. As you all know as a school we promote reading by providing home readers for our students, having daily reading sessions and taking them to library to borrow books on a regular basis.

Reading books at an early age is crucial for children to improve their language and literacy skills. Through reading children increase their vocabulary knowledge which in turn develops their comprehension skills and allows them to talk and write with rich and articulate sentences. It is a proven fact that children who devote more of their time to reading are academically and intellectually more successful than those who spend less time on reading. Therefore we encourage our parents to spend at least half an hour everyday to assist them with reading and take them to a local library on the weekends to borrow the books they like so they can turn reading into an enjoyable hobby.

Due to some technical issues semester 1 reports were sent later than scheduled. This was the first time our school printed the reports using a new software program and along the way some unanticipated problems occurred. We apologize if the delay of the reports caused any inconvenience. Finally, I wish a happy and peaceful Ramadan for everyone celebrating this blessed month.

Sincerely

Ruhi Zeybek

PRINCIPAL
HAPPY RAMADAN

We have welcomed the holy month of Ramadan by handing out sweet dates to all of our students and staff. We hope Ramadan brings happiness and peace into our lives.
Dear Parents,

This term our theme topic is focusing on Society and Environment - Looking into Family and Relationships. Our literacy activities are also integrating with this topic. In Math, we've looked at using calculators as a tool, Measurement - estimating and measuring mass and informal units of length. Children are really enjoying our library visits, and love the stories. Please remember to look after the books taken home.

Later in this term we've organized for an excursion with the Grade 3-4’s to visit Sovereign Hill. It will be a fantastic opportunity for the students’ to get a glimpse of family life in the olden days. Children will also see toys from yesteryear. Of course, we couldn’t go to Sovereign Hill and not experience ‘panning for gold’!

The weather is still very cold. Please send your children with a warm jacket to wear when outdoors. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents about uniform, and general appearance - please read the ‘Student Handbook’.

A reminder about lunchboxes; please ensure there is enough food for your child, that it is nutritious. If your child is having lunch order for the day, don’t forget to pack something for snack time. It is very difficult for a young child to concentrate when they’re hungry. Gymnastics has been fantastic. Children are thoroughly enjoying themselves and getting a really good workout. This will continue to be every Tuesday until the end of term.

We had a few technical hiccups with the semester one reports, however they are out - if you have any queries please don’t hesitate to contact the school.

Finally, may the month of Ramadan be a rewarding and festive season to all the families and staff that celebrate this.

Regards,
Ms K.

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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are half way through the third term. The students have been very busy in all areas of the curriculum. This term so far in math students have been concentrating on multiplication and division. They have been creating arrays to help solve various equations. Along with this they have been doing plenty of hands on activities to help them with their understanding.

In literacy students have been learning how to read and write expositions. They are currently learning what is a good argument and how to get their point across. The library program has been going very well. The students enjoy visiting the library and choosing books for the classroom. It is a fantastic experience for them. Some students have not given back their permission form to attend. It is not too late, please write a note in the diary allowing your child to attend if this has not yet been done.

This term in Integrated studies students are learning about the importance of keeping the local environment clean and tidy. They are also learning that even though they may be young they can make a difference and their voice is important.

The gymnastics program is going very well. It is an excellent program that gives the students different opportunities to express themselves. It is wonderful to see their confidence grow along with seeing how they have improved over the past couple of years.

Regards,
Ms Natalie Todeschini
Dear parents, it’s hard to believe that we are already half way through term 3. This term we have been learning about community and government. The children have enjoyed following the lead up to the federal election and certainly have some strong opinions about both leaders! We have been studying the book My Place and looking at the changes that have occurred in society over the last 200 years. On September 3rd we will be going to Sovereign Hill on an excursion. The children are really looking forwards to experiencing life in “the olden days”.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Dickens
Dear parents,
Students have been busy with their studies. This term as you are all aware we are looking into Australia and Government. I believe the students are gaining valuable information, as most of the students have not had little knowledge about the topic. Each week we cover a different area followed by an assessment. Please encourage your child to study for the tests. Ask your child questions or talk about the topic. This will help them to review what they have been taught.

We have been visiting the library borrowing books for our grade and to take home. We will visit the library once a month. I have put together photos from camp on a CD and students have had the opportunity to purchase it from the school. If you are still interested please send in the $15 to the office. The CD package comes with a photo booklet and case. Once again I would like to mention uniforms. Students MUST wear the correct uniforms at all times. Uniforms must be clean at all times. Students must wear the correct shoes. If for any reason they are unable to, please provide a note in the diary. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to see me.

Wishing you all Ramadan Mubarek.

Regards
Ms Nesrin Gocmen.
Dear Parents:
Even though the term has just begun, it has been a very busy one, in which students have been involved in many different activities.
Two weeks ago, we had a journalist from the Geelong Advertiser coming to talk to the students about different aspects of news reporting and how a newspaper is put together. Students learnt that it takes many people with different expertise to put a newspaper together every single day. They learnt that a journalist needs to use open ended questioning in order to obtain substantial information for the story they might be writing.
This week, grade 6 students were lucky enough to have a tour at the Herald Sun newspaper plant.
It takes a lot of organisation and people with many different skills to publish a newspaper every day, from engineers to machine operators. All these people work in a symbiotic manner to get the newspapers out on time every day of the week, at all hours of the day. The children are having a really good time with our science topic this term. We are looking at simple machines and how they make our life easier by reducing the work load. We have been doing some experiments to test if this statement is true. Students are building and testing different types of simple machines. Last week we looked at wheel and axles, and using Newton metres, we were able to measure the amount of force being used to lift an object before and after using wheel and axles. Through this experiments students found out that by using wheel and axles they reduced the work load between 4-10 times in some situations.
It has come to my attention, that some students are not completing all the homework assign every night, even though the diaries are signed. Please ensure that your child completes all homework before signing the diary. Also please have a look at the student manual provided to you early in the year where it states our school homework policy and the amount of time your child should be spending each night on these tasks.
If you have queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards
Sandra Presa

Grade 6 Excursion to the Herald Sun

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