Dear Parents and Students,

This term was vibrant with full of interesting activities and events. To spread the blessed spirit and beauty of Ramadan to our community, as a school we have organized an iftar dinner for our families in Geelong. It was a warm and joyful night to see our parents, teachers and students accompanying us at the time of breaking the fast. We had a great chance to chat and mingle with everyone and at the same time taste the delicious food from various cultures of the world. In this regard, I would like to thank our parents who were kind enough to bring us food on that special night.

In art classes our students prepared cards, caps, photo frames and decorated memory boxes for Father’s day. Students put a lot of energy and effort to make these special gifts for their fathers to show their love and appreciation. This term our Grade Prep&1, 3&4 and Grade 4&5 students went for excursion to Sovereign Hill. Students felt as if they have stepped back in time to the Gold rush days of Australia. They have observed and learned great deal of information about the daily life of that time.

Our Grade 6 class has been focusing on different aspects of Newspaper publishing. Students culminated their media skills by writing, designing and printing their own newspaper which includes editorial, news, entertainment and sport sections.

We have finally ended the chocolate fundraising. I am happy to announce that all of our boxes were sold and I am grateful to all of our parents and students who have worked so hard to help our school by selling these chocolates. All of the money collected will be used towards purchasing books and school resources for better education of our students. We have also finally come to an end of another term. I would strongly recommend our parents to read term reports carefully and arrange an interview with our teachers if they have any concerns regarding the education of their children.

I wish all of our students a happy and relaxing term break.

Kind regards

Ruhi Zeybek
PRINCIPAL
On Thursday 19th of August our school gave a Ramadan Iftar dinner for our parents in Geelong. Everyone enjoyed having the delicious food and deserts offered on the night.
Dear Parents,
We’ve come to the end of another busy but productive term. Student’s have continued to develop literacy and numeracy skills, and showed interest in our integrated sose topic- Family Relations. We’ve read many picture story books and focused on finding detail in the texts that we read. It’s the last week of gymnastics, and all the skill assessments went really well last week. Our excursion to Sovereign Hill was fantastic. A really meaningful excursion where the student’s experienced and learnt a lot of things about the past. Spring is finally in the air! Just a reminder that the school sun policy applies next term, i.e. as stated in the student handbook, it is compulsory for student’s to wear their sunhats when outdoors during first and fourth terms. Students have been given holiday homework. Please encourage good working habits by doing small amounts gradually rather than leaving it all to the last day. A community announcement; over the school holidays get your children involved in art! Then, submit your child’s work to the Turkish Consulate on Albert Road in Albert Park by the 30th of September. It’s a community event for the second year, its fun and children are always entertained with art activities. The theme is open and so too is the medium used. Good luck. Our Kmart- The Art of Giving art competitions have also been submitted, so well done to all those who participated. Please remember to collect your Coles vouchers over the holidays, and spread the word- tell everyone! I hope you all have a very safe and restful break. See you in term four.

Regards,
Ms K.
Dear Parents

I hope that you had a happy Bayram. It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of term 3. It has been a very busy and cold term. Hopefully the sun will shine a little more over the holidays.

A big thank you to everyone that has bought in both egg cartons and cereal boxes. We have enough egg cartons but could always do with some more cereal boxes. The cereal boxes are being used to glue information onto for the students to read and take home. They will be able to take them home as of next term to use as part of their home reading program. Holiday homework has been handed out to the students. I recommend that students complete a little each day or so to ensure they are not quickly completing it on the last day of the holidays. It is also important that they read each day. Research has shown that students who read independently between 30 minutes to an hour each day show strong academic skills in all areas of the curriculum. So please visit your local library and borrow a variety of books.

Regards,
Ms Natalie Todeschini

We have been writing exposition this term. Below is a piece written by a grade 2 student in regards to the environment.

Dear Parents
It is important to take care of the environment. We need to clean the ocean so the fish don’t die. You have to look after the earth. If you don’t people and animals will die. If we keep using cars and other vehicles the ozone layer will get bigger. If it get bigger the earth will get hotter. When the earth gets hotter the ice in Antarctica will melt and the water will get higher and countries will get covered in water. So think about what is happening to the earth and how you can help save the planet.

By Kubilay

Picture Book and Novel Collection

If you have or know anyone that has unwanted picture books or novels that are in a good condition and are appropriate for our school we would love to have them in our classrooms.

Please send the books with your child to school so that they can be sorted and organised into the appropriate grades. Any books that will not be used will be given to a charity.

Thankyou
Dear Parents, on September 3rd the grade 3/4 students visited Sovereign Hill. The children had the opportunity to pan for gold, they watched $158,000 worth of gold being melted and poured to make a gold bar and saw how old fashioned boiled lollies were made. The children had fun bowling and attended a one hour lesson where they were able to dress up in 1850’s clothing and try washing a shirt on an old wasboard. Below are some statements the children have made about their experiences.

“I liked the gold panning and watching the man make the lollies”. Nadine
“I had fun panning for gold and liked watching the man pour the hot gold”. Goksu
“I found the shops interesting, it was much easier to find things in the shops because there weren’t as many shelves or products. I also liked the bowling, the ball was different and didn’t have any holes for your fingers”. Volkan.
“The gold panning was hard, you had to shovel the gold into pans and then look for any shiny bits at the bottom. I liked washing the clothes on the wasboard”. Abdurahman
“I thought it was interesting how the man melted and poured the gold, it was very shiny. The old fashioned clothes were interesting and the ladies had to wear their clothes so tight”. Meena
I hope you have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Kind regards,
Mrs Dickens
Dear parents, I hope you all have had a wonderful Eid with your family and loved ones. We have come to the end of term 3! The excursion was a great success. We really enjoyed the Chamber mine. A guide guided us through the mine explaining how the miners worked. We had a chance at viewing a demonstration on Candle making. Most students and I were very interested in purchasing the boiled lollies and chocolates (Yum Yum). Some students purchased a horseshoe with their name engraved on it and a poster with their name printed on it.

Next term we will be looking at India and the Commonwealth Games. Students may visit their local library and borrow books for our grade on this topic. Students have a homework booklet to complete during the holiday break. Please work with your child to complete their booklets, listen to him/her read to you and ask your child questions about the book they are reading or read. Working together encourages your child to complete tasks. Homework is important because it is at the intersection between home and school. It serves as a window through which you can observe your children’s education and express positive attitudes towards your children and their education. As children grow older, homework and the amount of time engaged in homework, increases in importance. Through practice and participation in learning tasks, homework can improve your child’s achievement. Thus, it would be expected that if homework were completed accurately, not only would your child’s general knowledge and grades improve but your child would also increase mastery of basic academic skills, such as reading, writing, spelling and mathematics. Homework can provide other benefits. Your child’s ability to bring an assignment home, gather and organize necessary materials to complete the assignment, return the assignment and receive a grade, strengthens his or her sense of responsibility. Time management skills are learned. There is also improved development of personal skills such as time management gained by completing homework. Further, when homework proceeds smoothly it can become a positive aspect of your relationship with your child. Homework is a bridge that joins schools and parents. From the school’s perspective there is the opportunity to monitor students’ independent progress. For parents there is the potential to gain a greater appreciation of education and to express positive attitudes towards their children’s achievement.

Wishing you all a safe Holiday.

Regards
Ms Gocmen
Dear Parents:
Once again we have come to the end of another term. This term has been quite busy and students have made some great achievements.
One of them, was producing their own newspaper, which each student will take home. Both excursion to the Herald Sun and the incursion from the Geelong Advertiser, gave students a better insight on how much work goes into writing and printing a newspaper. Secondly, students created some really good projects for science using their knowledge of how simple machines work. Students made water wheels, pull along toys, lifting machines and sail cars. All groups worked really hard to achieve their goals; and some of these projects contained more than one simple machine in them. The excursion to Science works helped students to consolidate what they had learnt in class about simple machines.
Early this week, students were given their holiday homework. Please ensure that your child completes this homework early in the holidays, so that she/he also has time to enjoy the break.

I hope that you all have a great holiday break.

Regards
Sandra Presa
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