



Grade 4 Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES -TERM 3

- **Food Fest!**
Friday, 11th August
12 midday
- **Working Bee**
Sunday 13th August
10 am – 1pm
- **Grade 3/4 Camp**
Wednesday 16th August
to Friday 18th August,
2017. YMCA Recreation
Camp, Mt Evelyn
- **Book Week**
Thursday 24th August
Whole School Dress up
day
Friday 25th August
12.00 midday – visit by
Roland Harvey
Grade 6 Cup Cake stall
- **Parents Coffee Morning**
Friday 1st September
9:30am
- **Yr 6 Sausage Sizzle/
Footy colours day**
Friday 12th September
- **Showcase School
Production**
Thursday 21st September

Dear Parents,

Winter is upon us at The Patch! Don't forget to send your child to school with a jumper, warm jacket and weather proof jacket for outside learning tasks and playtimes! After recess our heaters are steaming with wet, dirty socks being dried to prepare them for the next venture outside. An extra pair of clean, dry socks in students' bags would be appreciated!

This term is filled with many exciting events – school working bees, our “Food Fest” sampling day this Friday, Roland Harvey and dress ups during Book Week, Grade 3/4 Camp, Stomp the Beat and our school production at the end of term.

We are investigating our early history and will be researching the early explorers of our country. We are applying mathematical principles to map the location and volume of the dam in the wetlands.

Grade 4 Food Fest this Friday!

Parents are welcome to come and celebrate the end of our Science unit this Friday, with a taste sampling of some of the foods we have prepared during our investigations of heat and change. There will be foods that can be enjoyed by both the herbivores and omnivores amongst us!

Please RSVP by this Wednesday if you are attending, and we look forward to seeing you in the school hall this Friday, 11th August at 12.00 midday!

What we are learning.....

Literacy

We have been writing in our gratitude books about what we are grateful for and about Smiling Minds. We have been writing recipes for the Food Fest and have been writing stories. We are all trying really hard to get our Pen Licences and some of us already have! We have been doing book circle. In book circle we read an agreed amount of a book and have a role (like Question Writer, Discussion Leader and Summariser.) We also record what's going through our heads, in independent reading.

Numeracy and STEM

In numeracy we have been working on fractions. We've been learning about equivalent fractions, adding fractions up and making fraction number lines. We've been learning what a right angle, and acute angle and an obtuse angle is. We need to know what a right angle is so we can use this skill to help work out where the water is in the wetlands.

Winter Concert

In the winter concert, which is being held in the hall, some people are showing their musical talents and things that they are good at. Some people are singing while others are playing the ukulele and other instruments. Parents are welcome to attend.

PE

We have started to learn how to play hockey. First we learnt the skill involved such as passing and dribbling. Before we can play a game, we need to work on developing our skills.

By Hayley and Dash 4B

Book Week

This year, we have some exciting things happening in Book Week 21st – 25th August.

On Thursday 24th we will have a whole school dress up day. Children are to come to school dressed up as a character from their favourite book.

On Friday, we have a special visitor, Roland Harvey coming to school for a very small cost. This will be available to pay on QKR soon. A note will also be sent on Tiqbiz about it.

Our grade 6 students will be selling cupcakes on the Friday which will be payable via QKR also.

We are looking forward to a wonderful week, celebrating Australian children's literature.

Wet Weather Days and STEM in the Wetlands

Warm coats and extra pair of dry socks.

We go outside to play even if it is cold and/or drizzling. Students must wear appropriate clothes to school for the winter and have a waterproof jacket for playtimes.

We know how much it benefits the children to get out in the fresh air.

On **Wednesdays** our work in the Wetlands continues so please dress appropriately and be prepared for a bit of mud and wet weather. We have so much exploring, working and learning to do. We don't want students to miss out because of unsuitable attire.

Grade 3/4 Camp

Camp is fast approaching! You will receive a final reminder of times, drop off/pick up procedures early next week.

Please make sure your child has a rainproof jacket that covers their bottom! Weatherproof leggings are also advisable. Short, waist length jackets will not give sufficient protection against rain or cold. If it is raining, we still be doing all outside activities.