



Grade 4 Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES -TERM 3

- **Book Week**
Friday 25th August
12.00 midday – visit by
Roland Harvey
Grade 6 Cup Cake stall
- **Parent Evening**
An evening to empower
adults to assist
themselves and their
children with anxiety,
grief and emotional
regulation.
- **Parents Coffee Morning**
Friday 1st September
9:30am
- **Yr 6 Sausage Sizzle/
Footy colours day**
Friday 12th September
- **Showcase School
Production**
Thursday 21st September
- **End of term**
Friday 22nd August 2.30

Dear Parents,

What a busy time we have had in grade 4 Term 3.

The children are loving Stomp the Beat on Tuesday mornings and our production numbers are coming along nicely.

The Food Fest was a wonderful culmination of fun and learning and it was wonderful to see so many parents who could make it for a taste test. It was fun to share our food and the chemical science knowledge that we had gained through cooking.

Next came camp which was an exciting opportunity for children to face challenges and build resilience. The children were so enthusiastic even though we battled so much sickness before, during and after camp. Hopefully our upcoming Spring sunshine will clear up the sickies. Please keep your child home if they are unwell.

We are moving forwards and investigating early Australian history. We will be researching the early explorers of our country. We have been watching "My Place" which is available on ABC tv if you want to watch it home. We have started on the final episode and worked backwards to correlate with our history work.

We are applying mathematical principles to map the location and volume of the dam in the wetlands and working on angles. We continue our work on fractions and decimals.

We are lucky enough to have a wonderful student teacher working in 4A. His name is David Clingin and he has been on camp with us and knows all of the children. He will be working with us until the end of term.... awesome!

What we are learning.....

Literacy

We have been writing camp snapshots and writing letters to thank people who helped us on camp. We have been doing Book Club and reading books together in groups. Next week we will be having our next spelling test and will get new spelling words.

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 about a right angle, an acute angle and an obtuse angle. 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. We have been using measuring tapes and working outside in STEM. We have started work on decimals and we need decimals for working in between whole numbers.

Winter Concert

The Winter Concert was great because it inspired kids to follow their dreams. There was lots of talent and we liked Dash doing Elton John and Jasper being a comedian.

PE

In Hockey we are learning about dribbling. Dribbling is when you are moving the ball along to get it towards the goal. There is bubble-gum dribble, elastic-band dribble and Indian dribble. Hockey is fun because it is a new game to learn.

Written by 4A

Book Week

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

We have had a wonderful week, celebrating Australian children's literature. Dress up day was funny and so wonderful to see the great ideas for dress ups. Sometimes the most simple dress ups are the most effective.



Our visiting author, Roland Harvey, set us some homework to have fun with our name and turn each letter into a drawing. Have some fun with it at home and send your efforts back to school. All the children were enthralled by his chat and will lots to tell you about.



The Three Musketeers

"All for one and one for one metre!"

CAMP.

We have followed up from camp with writing letters of thanks and gratitude to the people involved with our exciting experience. We have also written some snapshots which are descriptive and use adjectives and verbs to grab the reader's attention.

Here are some examples.

"Walking up nervously to the giant swing, butterflies taunted me. As I climbed the ladder I knew there was no turning back. I rose gracefully and weightlessly. Everyone braced and counted down, "3, 2, 1". I pulled the blue rope out of fear and went soaring through the sky like an eagle." Olivia

"Splash! I have just ridden through a massive puddle, the water splashing against my face. Now, I am racing my friends around the icy Mt Evelyn oval. I am about to ride down a massive hill, my heart is pounding. My friends are at the bottom shouting "You can do it!!!" I push my feet off the ground. I'm soaring down the hill my hair flapping everywhere. I push the brakes, I stop. I feel Amazing." - Finn



Thanks again to Lynda McBride and Peter Cochran for coming along as volunteers on camp. Your enthusiasm and hard work are greatly appreciated.

Thank you YMCA Mt Evelyn

This week our students wrote a thank you letter to the YMCA Mt Evelyn campsite. Below are some great examples of what our children are thankful for.

“Dear YMCA camp,
I really enjoyed going to your camp. Thanks for having us. I loved all the activities but especially Bike Ed. I really liked Bike Ed because it gave me a good challenge. I liked it when I slid in the mud and stacked. “

- Jarrah

“Dear YMCA camp,
Thank you for giving me the time of my life and taking me on some small journeys.
The very first journey you took me on was the giant swing and that was a fun and amazing experience for me. I felt nervous and shaky getting hooked up because I’m scared of heights but when I did it I felt like I accomplished something.”

- Hayley

