

Middle School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a full and fantastic Term Two! We have enjoyed many exciting activities this term, including Cross Country and Education Week with our very special Open Night. Students appreciated the opportunity to show their parents all of their hard work. We also had NAPLAN for our Grade Three students which brought out mixed feelings.

Fun in the classroom:

English:

This term we have looked at a variety of writing styles including, persuasive, narratives, procedural and written applications. Students wrote an application for a monitor role in the classroom and for either a Bright Sparks course or a Real Life Adventure. The teachers have enjoyed reading a range of creative narratives with colourful characters and imaginative plot lines.

Our class novel this term has been 'The Phantom Tollbooth' by Norton Juster. The students have enjoyed following Milo's exciting journey around 'The Lands Beyond' and meeting quirky characters along the way. Students have been working on extending their vocabulary and have enjoyed completing comprehension activities.

Mathematics:

Students tackled a range of problems in Mathematics this term. We have explored the concepts of time, multiplication, mapping and location through interactive hands-on activities.

We had to put on our 'thinking-caps' when solving money problems, working with fractions and when carefully using the processes of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.



SOLO Mathematics was a hit with students, allowing them to take responsibility for their learning and work at a pace and a level that best suits them. SOLO mathematics will continue in Term Three.

Upcoming Events:

July 16

Start of Term Three

July 30 and 31

Radio Awareness for Kids

July 31

ICAS - English

August 14

ICAS - Mathematics

August 27 - 24

Book Week

September 4

Literacy and Numeracy Week

September 21

Term Three Ends

Reminders:

- Remember school starts at 8:50am every morning.
- Students come straight into class when the bell rings in the morning.
- Homework goes home on a Tuesday and is to be returned the following Monday.
- Make sure library books are being returned on the due date.
- Readers are changed every day, so please make sure they are returned daily. Thank you to our wonderful parents who help the children practise reading and change their books.



Cross Country

Cross Country is a day that is looked forward to each year. Students were required to run either two or three kilometers on the day, a very exhausting feat! It was a rainbow of house colours as students made their way around the course and eventually through the finish line. Students are congratulated on a tremendous effort on the day! Thank you again to all the parents who were able to help out on the day.

The Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

Some of the Middle School students were invited to attend a special performance by the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra at the Hamer Hall. They were able to hear the orchestra perform incredible orchestral symphonies including 'Swan Lake' and 'Flight of the Bumblebee'. They even heard the instruments make the sounds of animals, including the chicken! It was a wonderful experience.



Tips and Tricks to help your child learn at home:

English:	Mathematics:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage your child to read a variety of fiction and non-fiction books, taking a genuine interest in what they are reading. • Talk to your child about their understanding and ask them questions about what they have read. • Talk about what authors and illustrators do. • Visit your local library or school library to select and read books together. • Write a shopping list together. • Talk about each other's day to encourage open and honest communication. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify examples of mathematics in everyday life e.g. on the television, while driving etc. • Keep score of sports games. • Measure quantities when cooking, including doubling recipes. • Keep track of what is being spent at the supermarket and work out change to be given. • Look at catalogues together. Find the cheapest and most expensive items, work out total costs, find percentages of items.

We're looking forward to a wonderful Term Three.

The Middle School Team.