

# Grade 3/4 Newsletter

## Term 2, 2014

Welcome back. What a busy start we have had to Term 2!!

### TERM 2 UNIT OF WORK - STEP BACK IN TIME

This unit introduces the students to the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We will be looking at early explorers and the impact that they had on the life of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Later in the term, the students will complete an information report on an explorer of their choice. This will enable the students to develop research and presentation skills. More details will be sent home later in the term.

### SWIMMING



Swimming began on Friday May 2 and continues on May 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13 and 20. An extra session has been scheduled this week and so there are now three session times. A note with all the necessary information has been sent home. Please make sure that your child has all their swimming gear, clearly named, for each session. If you are able to assist us, please let your child's class teacher know.

### NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NAPLAN)

In week 4, (May 13, 14 and 15) the grade 3 students will be involved in a series of nationally assessed tasks in literacy and numeracy. The children have had many opportunities to practise working on these tasks during class time.

### READING AT HOME

Please encourage your child to read each night for 15-30 minutes. They can read books from the classroom, our school library or the local Mill Park Library, or books which they have at home. Please remember to sign your child's reading diary.

Children can fill in their reading diary, record the name of the book read and the number of pages read. This encourages them to take responsibility for this task.

### NETBOOKS



The children love taking their netbooks home and using them for various tasks. Please encourage your child to take care of them and ensure that they come to school fully charged each day.

### DIGITAL PORTFOLIOS

The children brought their digital portfolios home at the end of week 1. They were very excited to share their learning with you. Please complete the "Parent Feedback" sheet and return to school as soon as possible as this is an important part of the 3 way communication between parents, teachers and students.

### 3 /4 CAMP - ARRABRI LODGE, WARBURTON

Camp will be held on Wednesday August 20 - Friday August 22. An initial 'Expression of Interest' note has been sent home. This provides some information about the activities at camp. If you are able to assist us on this camp, please complete the section on the camp form with your contact details.

### COMMUNICATION @ MSPS

There are many ways that we can communicate with you at MSPS. They include the Facebook group, the school website, newsletters, children's diaries, phone calls, informal chats and scheduled interview times. Please ensure that you access all these forms of communication so that you are aware of what is happening at our school.

### COMING SOON.....

An app that you will be able to use on your phone!!!



As always, please see your child's teacher if you have any issues or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support  
The 3 /4 team.