Dear Parents,

This term has had a very busy and exciting start with the Grade 4 children adventuring off to camp. It was wonderful to see so many children confidently mastering new skills eg making their bed, organising their belongings and sleeping in cabins with their friends. Grade 5 will experience the excitement of camp next term, when we travel to Mapleton on August 14-16.

Grade 5 will participate in the NAPLAN testing on the 14th, 15th, & 16th May. If you would like further information, http://www.nap.edu.au

I look forward to meeting and discussing your child's progress at Parent Teacher Interviews over the coming weeks. Thank-you to many of you who have already followed the link emailed to you and have made an appointment.

Religion
We will begin the term by following the Acts of the Apostles from Easter to Pentecost.

Grade 4 – will focus on the Sacraments of Healing
- Reconciliation (Penance)
- Anointing of the Sick

Grade 5- will focus on the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Our prayers and support are with the children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Communion this term.

English
Writing: We will focus on the text type of Exposition using the structure of opening statement, arguments and closing statement. Children will learn to write using an authoritative voice in order to persuade the reader on an issue, carefully selecting strong, precise and effective vocabulary. (eg. action verbs, thinking verbs, emotive language and value judgements.)

Reading: This term the children will learn the difference between Literal information and inferential information.
During Term 1 the children practised locating and identifying literal information in a text. This term we will use their prior knowledge along with information in the text to interpret, make assumptions, predict and draw conclusions about the text they read. From week 6 Grade 4 will begin researching a selected country and create a travel brochure to present this information.
Grade 5 will be joining in with 5B & 5K and starting a Space unit.
**Mathematics**
This term we will continue to improve the quick recall of automatic number facts and Times Tables, especially 6X, 7X and 8X Tables. Fractions and decimals, money, time, interpreting data, and continued focus on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) are just some of the areas we will be covering this term. We will also be learning how to use a number of problem solving strategies to solve difficult problems. Strategies such as Guess & Check, Make a Chart or Table and Find a pattern.

**History**
Grade 4 will be looking at the life of the Indigenous Australian’s before the First Fleet arrived. They will be working in small groups to research an aspect of Aboriginal traditional lifestyle and then present this to the class in the form of a PowerPoint presentation.

**Physical Education**
Term 2 is very busy with Cross Country, Dance Fever, (every Monday morning) and the Athletics Carnival.

This term our school-wide **Social and Emotional Learning** Focus is on "**Getting Along**".
In class students will be working through a series of lessons which focus on the skills for making friends, teamwork and co-operation and re-solving interpersonal conflict.
These include:
* Being helpful when working in a group.
* Listening and not interrupting in class when someone else is talking.
* Talking rather than fighting when someone acts unfairly.
* Sharing materials.
* Following important classroom and school rules.
* Helping someone else with their work.
* Treating teachers and classmates with respect.
* Cleaning up school grounds.
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Health
We will be looking at ways to promote personal safety

- Safety equipment and clothing
- Road safety
- Awareness and need for Safety signs
- Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.
- Emergency contacts and procedures.

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