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NEWSLETTER NO. 21 - Thursday 24 July 2014

CALENAR

JULY
Fri 25: Sovereign Hill Excursion
Wed 30: Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

AUGUST
2nd & 3rd: Words in Winter Weekend
Mon 4: Goldfields Athletics, Llanberris Reserve
Wed 27: Great Book Swap & Dress Up Group Day

NOVEMBER
Wed 19: Pupil Free Day

TERM DATES 2014

TERM 1 30th January – 4th April
TERM 2 22nd April – 27th June
TERM 3 14th July – 19th September
TERM 4 6th October – 19th December

Current Focus

“Goal Setting”

Sovereign Hill Excursion

Excitement is mounting! One more sleep until our excursion. Please be at the Daylesford Primary School Bus Shelter by 8.45am for a 9.00am departure.

Our last visit to Sovereign Hill, a few years ago, was very wet and cold. The odds of that happening again are quite high, so to ensure we have a great day, please take note of the following points:

• Wear practical, weather-proof shoes;
• Wear a warm, water-proof jacket;
• Pack a nutritious lunch and snack, and bring a water bottle;
• Make sure all your children’s clothes, bags, lunch boxes, etc are clearly named.

Goal Setting
Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

The children have been busy writing goals in preparation for next week’s Parent / Teacher/ Student Interviews. As reports went out a while ago, it would be great to have a discussion with your child about their report before next Wednesday.

School Nurse Visit & Classroom Cooking

This week, we had a very practical health lesson. We made a quick and easy Vegetable Soup which all the children enjoyed.

↑Saxon and Anouk prepare carrots↑

↑Milo dips his hot Turkish bread in his Vegetable Soup↑

Parent Opinion Survey

Parent Opinion Surveys have been attached to this newsletter. We would appreciate it if all parents could complete these CONFIDENTIAL surveys, which are managed by the Department. The data we receive back in the form of a report is valuable feedback which the school looks at closely to inform decision making.

be respectful - be a responsible learner - be honest and trustworthy
be caring and compassionate - be a good citizen
Parent/Teacher Communication

Nadine and Dianne have Unit and Curriculum Planning Meetings each Wednesday and Thursday after school. We always have much to discuss and plan in this precious time. We always welcome communication with parents and find it valuable, but we would really appreciate the opportunity to utilise our planning time. However, if you have urgent matters to discuss, please let us know and we are happy to make exceptions.

For all other matters, we are readily available on Mondays and Fridays to touch base and discuss issues.

PLAYING IN THE SNOW

It was hard to focus on work last Thursday when it started to snow, so class was paused while we all went out to have some fun in the snow!

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EMA – Instalment 2 - 2014

(Education Maintenance Allowance)

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

If you successfully applied in Term 1 there is no need to re-apply. If you are new to the school, or your circumstances have changed, please check at the office for eligibility.

The EMA is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible you must be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Your card must be current on the first day of Term 3 (14th July, 2014) and the application must be submitted to school before Friday, 1st August, 2014.

The main card holder must complete the application form as payment can only be made to that person.

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Parent/Carer Volunteers – T3

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Community Notices

WORDS IN WINTER – ONE MINUTE MOVIE

Hey kids! Make a One Minute Movie and you could enter it in the Kids Shorts Film Festival for Words in Winter Family Day. Screening at the Town Hall on Sunday 10th August. Lego, barbies, plasticine animation - go wild! Just make it 1 minute long. For details go to www.wordsinwinter.com/event/1minmovie email: wordsinwinter@gmail.com. Entries close Thurs 31 July.

WORDS IN WINTER – SHIPWRECK ADVENTURES

at The Rex Arcade on Saturday 2 August, 2pm, Free. Discover the mysteries of the missing Mahogany Ship with children's author Sven Scheppokat. Kids activities, fun facts and stories.

Also at The Rex on Saturday 2 August; 10.30am - Concert of Choirs including DPS and teen choir 'Mi So Fa' 1.30pm Pop Up Poetry performed by local primary students 3.00pm Pop Up Drama performed by local primary students. All part of Words in Winter Hub at The Rex Arcade, Saturday 2 & Sunday 3 August. Details www.wordsinwinter.com