Welcome to our Term Two specialist newsletter!

We hope you enjoy reading about our plans and the achievements of our wonderful students in science, physical education and art.

SCIENCE- Term 2, 2012

Our Science Topic this term is “Earth and Sky” with a focus on Geology and Meteorology.

The grade 5 and 6 students this term are investigating the composition of the layers within the Earth. They will describe how volcanos are formed. They will recognise and describe the formation of Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic rocks. They will attend a Science excursion based at Strathmore Secondary College where they will learn more about the Space Program on offer.

The grade 3 and 4 students are investigating how the solar system was formed and the composition and features of the different planets. They will describe how the earth rotates in relation to day and night and the seasons. They will look at the moon cycles.

The junior students will be investigating air. They will use their senses to explore the air around them. They will develop scientific vocabulary and language. They will begin to collect and record data and look for patterns in that data.

Welcome to the Science room this term our animal visitors: “Fudge” the guinea pig and “Lemonade” the pond turtle. The students have enjoyed getting to know the features of the new animals in the science zoo. Thank you to the Maddox family for lending us their pet Fudge and Mrs Dexter for allowing us to keep Lemonade this term.

Thanks to friends of the science room for donating old technology for the tinkering tub. The students are enjoying the challenge of taking apart and sometimes (not often) putting together again. A special thanks to Mr De Waart and his connections at the Sunbury tip recycling centre for their kind donations also.

A visit from visiting Salesian students was also a hit. Thanks to Nick, Nick and Ji who were a great help in Science with the preps.
We will look forward to seeing families visit the science room during Education Week in May.

Thanks Ms Harding and Mrs Adams

PHYSICAL EDUCATION  TERM 2, 2012

Camp Phillip Island- Grade 6 students Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th May 2012.

Anglesea - Grade 4 students Monday 22nd – Wednesday 24th October 2012.

Physical Education:

Preps Well done to all the Prep students for a great start to the year in physical education. This term students will continue to concentrate on fundamental motor skills such as: run, ball bouncing and Overarm throw. Students will do partner work and learn minor games that place an emphasis on communication, sharing equipment, and working with others. Students will again focus on exploring with different types of equipment.

Grade 1 & 2 Students will be focusing on fundamental motor skills such as ball bounce, run and catch. Students will do partner work and learn minor games that place an emphasis on cooperation, sharing equipment, communication and working with others. Grade one students has a major focus on AFL this term.

Grade 3-4 Our focus for term 2 will be on invasion games with a strong emphasis on netball and moving into space. Students will be assessed on a range of ball handling skills including throw, catch, dribble passing as well as team work, attacking/defending strategies and scoring. We will also work at improving running styles.

Grade 5-6 Our focus for term 2 will be on invasion games with a strong emphasis on basketball and moving into space. Students will be assessed on a range of ball handling skills including throw, catch, dribble passing as well as team work, attacking/defending strategies and scoring. We will also work at improving running styles.

All Children are to wear their runners on their Phys. Ed./sport day and have a drink bottle filled with water.

Perceptual Motor Program
Children rotate through different fun activities designed to develop body awareness, balance, eye/hand coordination, eye/foot coordination, and ball skills. PMP for Prep students is on Tuesday at 2:15pm for one hour. PMP for Grade one students is on Friday, 1R at 10:00am and 1A at 11:30am for 30 minutes.

Intra & Inter School sports
Grade 3/4 Sport – Tuesday Tabloid Sports.
Grade 5/6 Sport – Friday Students in Grade 5/6 have all tried out for the winter sports teams. The winter sports are tee-ball, football, soccer and netball. Good luck to all teams for our district winter sport day on Friday 1st June.
Grade 3-6 Athletics Carnival on Monday 19th March.

CONGRATULATIONS to our House Captains for their efforts in the sports events so far in 2012.
Bradman: Kiara & Strickland
Elliott: Brooke & Grace
Fraser: Luke & Jade
Laver: James & Isabella
Grade 3-6 Cross Country Friday
20th April

District Events
District Cross Country Friday 4th May.

ART- Term 2, 2012

Students have created some ‘artastic’ pieces of work in art so far this year.

Many students enjoyed making our Easter posters. These were displayed at Sunbury Square Shopping Centre.

They also enjoyed other Easter activities.

Our preps are becoming increasingly confident and independent in the art room. Last term they created artwork based on nursery rhymes. This term the focus is on number rhymes.

Students in Grade One and Two are now creating artwork based on deserts to support their classroom learning.

Grade three and four students are investigating tints and shade.

Grade five and six students have been creating artworks based on the work of famous Australian artists.

Students in grades one to five have participated in lessons based on colour theory. Students enjoyed mixing primary colours to create secondary and tertiary colours. The paints were used to adorn deciduous trees with finger painted Autumn leaves.

All classes have enjoyed making special pieces of artwork for their mothers or special person for Mother’s Day.

Grade five students used cellophane in primary colours to decorate pre-cut leaves. When the cellophane layers overlapped they created secondary and tertiary colours.

We hope you can join us for our open night during Education week. There will be the opportunity to view more student work and to participate...
in activities. Education week is from the 20th to the 26th of May. See the newsletter for details.

**Regular Lunchtime Activities at Sunbury Heights**
Library-open at lunchtime Tues-Fri.

**Ways you can support us at home**
**Art:**
The following website has fun activities that reinforce colour theory studied by students in years one to five
http://www.colorwithleo.com/art_colorwheel.php

**Science:** A good website featuring games and information on meteorology can be found at
http://www.weatherwizkids.com/weather-games.htm