

# Grade 5 Newsletter

June/July, 2018

## News:

Welcome to the June/July edition of the Grade Five Newsletter for 2018! The Grade Five Newsletter will keep you up to date with current events, news and important dates. We aim to publish a new newsletter every four weeks.



A very different and special birthday song for Arabella, inspired by a Narwhal.

## English

***By Caleb and Phoebe***

In the past few weeks, grade five have been learning lots of different types of writing. We have been doing different types of poetry including, Haiku, Diamante and Limericks.

What is a Haiku poem?

A Haiku poem is a type of poem that has been around for over centuries. They are a type of poem that uses syllables. When you write a Haiku you would normally write about something that relates to nature. You would have 3 lines, the first one would have 5 syllables, the second would have 7 syllables and the third would have 5 syllables. Here is an example:

Silence all around

The moonlight breaks through the leaves

I bask in it's light

**By Tilli**

What is a diamante poem?

A Diamante is a poem that uses opposites, when it is done it looks like a diamond. It consists of 7 lines. The first and last lines are opposites e.g. Handsome and ugly, bottom and top, hot and cold etc. The second and sixth lines are 2 adjectives the opposite above or below.



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## Mathematics

**By Lily and Sophie**

In class

Grade 5 students have been working hard lately with their maths teachers and have been learning about BODMAS. They have learnt what the letters mean and to understand how to complete the equations given to them. B=Brackets O=Orders D=Division M=Multiplication A=Addition and S=Subtraction.

How do you feel about BODMAS?

*"It's really easy to understand the process and how you solve all of the questions."* - Ally

Do you like BODMAS?

*"Yes, because BODMAS is fun and you don't have to worry about it because we get to do fun games and activities to help us learn."* - Ally

Another topic that grade fives have been covering is mental strategies. They have been doing equations, taking notes, and working together to ensure everyone's involvement and mathematical skills are ready for whatever task is thrown at them next.

## Maths Night

Maths night was a hit! With teachers, students and parents all pitching in to make it a great night for everyone. In the grade 5 area we had a range of puzzles for parents and other guests to figure out! Mr. Fisher was cooking sausages on the BBQ, Mat Dog was giving out selfies, and all the year levels held their own mathematical problems and quizzes. Special thanks to Miss Grant and Mrs Birkill, we couldn't of done it without you!

How did you find Maths Night?

*"I liked all of the activities."- Mali*

Who did you bring?

*"I bought my mum, dad, and sister."- Mali*

What activities did you do?

*"We went to the grade 5's and the grade 3's."- Mali*

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## Inquiry

### ***By Summer and Tilli***

Health- puberty

Throughout June and July students have been learning about health and the impacts of puberty. Recently, Grade 5 students have been looking into what happens during puberty and the effects that change who they are.

### **Interview with Nathan**

*Do you enjoy Health and Puberty classes?*

*"Yes, because it's good to know what is happening to our bodies."*

*Do you like Health and Puberty classes? Why or why not?*

*"Well it's good to know what is happening to our bodies."*

*Are you comfortable talking about it?*

*"Yes, I am comfortable talking about it."*

### **Interview with Kieley**

Do you enjoy Health and Puberty classes?

"Yes, I find it interesting."

Do you like Health and Puberty classes? Why or why not?

"I think it's nice to know what is going to happen soon."

Are you comfortable talking about it?

"At times it can be awkward, but otherwise I'm fine with it."

# Wakakirri & Music Camp

## Harmony & Lucille

This years Wakakirri performance has come along nicely. All the students have been participating 100% in all practices. This year's theme is the overuse of plastic bags. We felt our community and the general public have been using too many plastic bags and it is starting to affect our environment. All costumes were mostly made out of plastic. Thanks to our wonderful art teacher and many parent/teacher helpers who have made the amazing costumes. Of course we can't forget the amazing wedding dress! Next week on Wednesday the 8th of August it is being held at Frankston Art Centre. We will see some amazing performances that night. Of course ours the being the best!

Music Camp this year was a great success. The children worked on 12 songs over 3 days (the schedule was jam packed!). Everyone put in their best effort and the concert turned out 'fabtabulous!' The food was great, thanks to the wonderful chefs and helpers, it was the best camp. The hospitality was top notch, we all loved it. "Practise was a challenge but it turned out great, definitely one the best. Also made your lips sore but it was worth it". Thanks to the wonderful teachers who made this an awesome experience for everyone. "Mrs Walsh's conducting was the best i've ever seen". All the songs made us hum to the beat everywhere we went - definitely the best song picks.

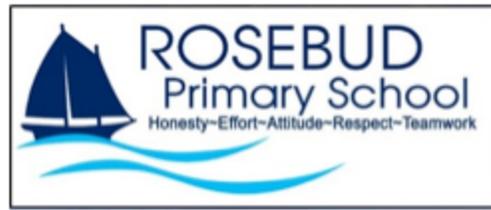
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## Homework

Homework is handed out on a Monday and due the following Monday. The students receive a small maths sheet to revise maths concepts and a reading log. This reading log needs the students to log five sessions of reading a week and it needs to be signed off by a parent at the end of the week. Homework is not supposed to be a stressful activity, so if your child is worried in any sort of way, please come and have a chat to the grade five teachers. The whole idea of homework is to develop good routines and for your child to develop initiative and effective time management skills.

## Upcoming events

- Wednesday 8th August- Wakakirri
- **Monday 13th August- Curriculum Day**
- Thursday 23rd August- Athletics Carnival
- Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st- Snow Camp



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