



Grade 5 Newsletter

November, 2018

News:

Welcome to the November 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.

Discovery Day

Last week the year 5 students went to Rosebud Secondary College to experience a day of high school life. It was a great experience and they all had fun. Let's see what some of the kids thought:

Bonnie: "Cooking was my favourite, Media was also good! The Japanese teacher was super funny. Overall it was an awesome experience."

Charnize: "Humanities was interesting, Science was explosive and loud and Indonesian was great. It was an amazing experience and I would definitely do it again."

Article by Mercy and Summer.



Rugby Day

Rugby day was a hit! Before the students started playing they practised their skills in the clinic. Then they headed off to play some games. The boys lost two, drew one and won one. Unfortunately, the girls lost their games. The kids learnt to lose and also be a gracious winner.

“Rugby day was great!” said Dragon.

“I loved it when we congratulated each other after games,” Harmony said.

Article by Tilli and Molly.



Cricket

On the 9th of November some grade 5/6 students participated in kanga cricket at the Mount Eliza cricket ground. They represented our school very well, played to a high standard and got out of their comfort zones. It was a successful day and all the students tried their best! Our boys and girls teams all played well and showed great sportsmanship that paid off in their total scores! It was good to see kids who didn't know how to play having a lot of fun as well! Over all Kanga Cricket 2018 was an amazing day!

Article by Caleb and Phoebe.

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English

In English, students continue to take part in four focussed and explicit sessions a week. In reciprocal reading, students read independently and learn to question, clarify words and summarise texts and ideas. In visual literacy, students have been looking at *Wild Australia* with Ray Mears. In Book Club, we have focussed on books such as *The Water Tower* by Gary Crew and *Woolvs in the Sitee* by Margaret Wild. In Language Skills, students have focussed on verbs, adverbs and prepositions.

Students have also had a heavy focus on picture story books in writing. These books have an 'around the world' theme. Students are expected to draft a narrative and picture story board for their story and then to publish a good copy in picture story book format. So far, the picture story books look amazing! We may even be able to present the finished version to the preps. Stay tuned!

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Mathematics

In maths, students have had a major focus on measurement and geometry. In class this means that they have been looking at area, perimeter, volume and capacity. They have also investigated units of measurement such as centimetres and metres, millilitres and litres and cubic centimetres.

Students also continue to take part in weekly maths investigations. This has resulted in the planning of a town with a focus on 3D shapes, a bucket filling relay to explore volume and capacity and the creation of a theme park map to explore scale, grid references and compass direction. The focus on hands-on investigations is really bringing maths to life in a concrete way for the grade five students!

Inquiry

This terms topic of inquiry is geography with the overarching question being **‘How does Australia connect with, and become influenced by, other nations around the world?’**

To begin this unit, we dived into researching countries within the continents North America, Asia and Europe. Students created a ‘fact file’ on a country of their choice and together all three classes created a book where students can read at their leisure and learn more about these three continents. Currently, the grade fives are working on a ‘travel agent’ project, where they need to choose a country to promote tourism. They will research, plan, draft and create either a Powerpoint Presentation, brochure or a TV advertisement. We are looking forward to seeing their finished products in a couple of weeks time! Lastly, students have created an indigenous survival project, where they researched ways in which Australia’s original occupants used nothing but the land and its resources to survive.

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

Please visit our new website to see all the upcoming events.

You can reach the webpage via: <https://www.rosebudps.vic.edu.au/events/2018-11/>

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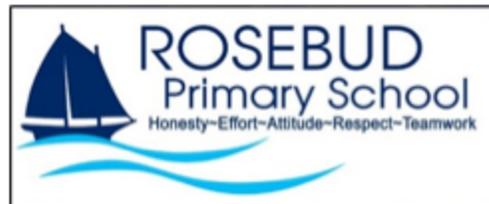
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