Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is amazing to think that we are already four weeks into the second term of school. Over the next few weeks there is a lot happening in Grade 5, so we have provided a brief outline of what is to be expected in the upcoming weeks.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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**NAPLAN**

- Next week students in Year 5 will sit Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Mathematics tests over Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is very important for students to come to school having had enough sleep the night before as well as being on time to be able to sit these tests to the best of their ability. A good breakfast before coming to school also wakes up their brain and gives them the energy to concentrate.
- A note about NAPLAN went home last week and teachers may have placed examples of NAPLAN tests for students to try on Study Ladder.

**SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP**

- At the start of Term Three, (Week 2) a large number of our Year 5 students will be attending Sovereign Hill Camp. Students have been given information about payment/instalment options and will receive their ‘What to bring to Camp’ booklet later this term.
- A medical form and student behaviour declaration will also be sent home later this term. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any enquiries.

**Payment by instalment due dates:**

- 1st Instalment: Fri 13th May
- 2nd Instalment: Fri 27th May
- 3rd Instalment: Fri 10th June
- Final Instalment: Fri 24th June

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

- It is pleasing to see that a number of students in grade 5 have already started and are well on their way to completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge. With home reading being a Grade 5 homework requirement, it’s a great and easy way to complete the challenge, without having to do any extra work! Remember to write down the books that have been read onto the Reading Challenge Log AND upload books. Each student has been provided with their login details and the Premier’s Reading Challenge website has student information for clarification of any questions. [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx)
- Please encourage your children to upload their books as soon as they finish reading them.
INTEGRATED STUDIES

On completion of our unit on ‘Space’ last week, we are now moving onto our new topic of ‘Gold Rush’, which ties in with the Victorian Curriculum encompassing History and Civics & Citizenship.

HOMEWORK

- Homework will consist of daily reading/record keeping AND the completion of set tasks, including Studyladder, Mathletics and a written activity, as outlined in the Homework Term Planner.
- A reminder that Homework AND Home Reading diaries will be due for submission on a specified day each week. The reading requirement is that students read & record their reading information at least 4 times each week. (A minimum time period of 20 minutes).
- Tying in with this term’s Integrated Studies unit on ‘Gold Rush’, students will be required to research and undertake activities exploring the 1800’s Gold era, in preparation for Camp in Term 3. More information will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

UNIFORM

Students are reminded to wear appropriate school uniform for the colder, Winter months.

Please ensure jumpers & jackets are labelled with names, as these are often removed when in the warmer classroom environment.

COMMUNICATION/ STUDENT DIARIES/ EDMODO

- Student diaries can also be utilised as a communication book – for absence notes, explanations, queries, etc. Students will enter important dates or messages on a regular basis. Class teachers will also use this to communicate with you. Please check your child’s diary frequently.

- Teachers in Year 5 have set up their own class Edmodo forums. There, you can find copies of excursion/incursion forms and homework schedules. Students and their teachers can also use this forum to communicate from home and school.

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Warm regards,

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