Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the second half of the year! We hope you and your family had an enjoyable mid-year break and managed to stay warm and dry. We extend our congratulations to Mr Washington and his lovely wife, Shannon who were married in Queensland during the school holidays. A wise decision for the location, considering Melbourne’s latest weather! Congratulations also to all of our fantastic students on completing their first semester of Year 5. It was great to meet with so many parents to discuss their child’s progress and the areas for improvement. We look forward to an exciting and productive term. The table below outlines the busy schedule we have ahead of us.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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<td>13-21 National Science Week</td>
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**SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP**

- Only a week away! Ensure you and your child have read the ‘What to bring to camp’ list and please do not hesitate to ask teachers if you need anything clarified. A common query has been about the shoes for Costume School. These are to be plain brown or black, pull-ons, laces or zips and no writing or brand symbols showing.
- Please read the ‘Camp Rules’ again and discuss appropriate behaviour and banned items on camp.
- Remember up to $30 spending money is permitted. Teachers will not be collecting this money, it is purely student responsibility. Please discuss careful handling of this money for the duration of camp.
- Remember, Ballarat is a few degrees colder so warm clothing is a must. All student require a waterproof jacket and a beanie. We are very fortunate to experience “Winter Wonderlights” at Sovereign Hill on Wednesday & Thursday night.
- If you are required to update your child’s Medical Form since the school holidays please request a new form and return it to school prior to going on camp. It is crucial our medical register is as accurate as possible.
- Non-campers are still required to attend school for the duration of camp. Students will be placed in alternative year levels from grades 3-6 and provided with an activity booklet, put together by their grade 5 teachers. The attendance roll will be marked for these students.

**Departure from KHPS:** Tuesday 9.00am sharp

**Arrival to KHPS:** Friday, approx 5.00pm

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

- Students should be well on their way to completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge. 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)

Students are required to read 15 books and enter these on the website. The Premier’s Reading Challenge closes at the start of September.
**INTEGRATED STUDIES**

Camp will celebrate the completion of our unit on ‘Gold Rush’. In week 3 we begin the unit on ‘Australian History: Civics and Citizenship – The Law Making Process’. This unit studies the levels of Government in Australia, rules and laws and our judiciary system.

Following this, we move onto the Geography/Science unit on ‘Natural Disasters, Adaptations and Sustainability. Students will investigate some of the significant natural processes that operate across Australia (for example, rainfall, drought, flood, earthquake, cyclones and bushfire), and how people react to them, including their preparation for, and management of, natural disasters.

**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).

**UNIFORM**

- Students are reminded to wear appropriate school uniform for the colder, Winter months. You may like to discuss with your child whether they require spare clothing in their schoolbag if they are coming home ‘muddy’ from active play during playtimes.

**COMMUNICATION/ STUDENT DIARIES/ EDMODEO**

- 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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