

3/4/5M Class Newsletter No. 2

After an outstanding first week back at school, 3/4/5M re-christened themselves 'The Magnificent Ms'. This group is proving to be hard working, respectful and inclusive; what more could a teacher ask for! We spent much of our time establishing class routines and expectations, which included reviewing the school **CARING** values of Creativity, Achievement, Respect, Integrity, Nurturing and Growth. Class monitors were decided, specialists were visited and we began the core business of learning. 2017 promises to be a wonderful year. We are looking forward to seeing parents at the information evening next Tuesday. Specific information will be given about the 5/6 camp to Wilson's Prom but there will also discussion about our curriculum and teaching focus.

READING AT HOME

The Magnificent Ms start to home reading has been very impressive and I would like to congratulate all parents for the support of your child's reading. Reading is the key to all learning and families in this class certainly have a very positive attitude towards it. Remember to sign your child's diary or reading record every day and help them to have it at school every day in the plastic envelope provided. Minimum expectations for home reading are:

- Grade 3: 10-15 minutes (but 20 is better!) every day.
- Grade 4/5: 20 minutes at least 4 time each week. (this can be weekends)
- Reading aloud for part of that time is encouraged.

WRITERS NOTEBOOKS

Some students brought items to stick into their Writer's Notebooks this week. Having 'concrete' items, (such as tickets, photos, leaves, lolly wrappers, programs etc) is a great aid to writing and reduces the "I don't know what to write about" issue. As in past years, Writer's Notebooks will act as 'seeds' during writing lessons. More things in Notebooks means more writing prompts and less time spent searching for ideas. Monday will be Writer's Notebook day so please encourage and assist your children to bring along items to stick into their books.

REPORTS

Thank you to those families who returned 2016 reports last week.

On a different note..... Does anybody in grade 5 have Jack Mann's Communication Book? Jack took home (and returned) someone else's Communication Book but his has not turned up. He, and Alicia, would love to see it. Please check the work books that came home to your place at the end of last year. It could be amongst them. Our mission for 2017 – find Jack Mann's Communication Book!

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR:

- **3/4/5/6 Information night:** 7th February 6.30 – 7.30 in the classrooms.
- **Wilson's Prom Camp:** 13th – 17th February. Ms Myring, Mrs McCracken, Mr Vass & Veronica will all be attending the camp. Grade 3/4 students will be following their regular program with a relief teacher.
- **Indigenous Dance Incursion:** 28th February
- **Young Leaders Conference:** 27th March. All grade 6 students will attend this highly inspirational conference, with funding partly subsidised by the school. More details later in the term.

HOMEWORK Homework *Homework* Homework Homework ~~Homework~~

Homework books with spelling words have come home today. Students should practice these words, taking note of the phonic pattern or rule, in readiness for a test on Friday.

All students are encouraged to decorate their homework book in a creative way. This could be a drawing, photos, computer generated illustrations, magazine pictures or a collage of some sort. As the books travel to and from school every week, it is highly recommended they are also covered in contact to protect them from 'schoolbag rot'.

And Finally A huge thank you to Riley & family for looking after our budgies, Sapphire & Moonlight over the holidays. Jo McCracken

