

## 3/4/5M Class Newsletter No. 3

It's hard to believe we are already in week 5. So much has already been ticked off the term 1 calendar!

**The WILSON'S PROM CAMP** was a huge success. **Anthony, Beth, Blayne, Jack, Jaz, Talea, Tara, Tasha & Riley** proved to be outstanding campers. They were organised, helpful, resilient and interested in everything we did down at the prom. Highlights included; investigating the life forms in Tidal River through high powered microscopes at the Education Centre, a fantastic surfing lesson, enjoying the amazing view from Mt Oberon, watching 'Red Dog, True Blue' at the open air movie theatre, Talea's birthday cake, playing on the beach and in Tidal River, beach golf, fishing and sketching. Nan's cooking was (and I quote), "To die for" and Steve the driver couldn't have been more helpful. We were blessed with fantastic weather, and only a few tents succumbed to the wind! The grade 5s will spend the rest of the term investigating the geography, history and diversity of life at Wilson's Prom.

The **3 WAY CONFERENCES** held last Wednesday were very informative with students sharing their Reading, Writing, Maths & Personal goals for semester 1. Thank you to the parents who attended. Some parents who could not make it have already scheduled another time. Please get in touch with me to organise a time if you have not already done so.

Thank you to the families who have returned their **2016 REPORTS**. Please return yours if you have not already done so.

**WANTED!** A parent (or a few parents to share the job) to cover 24 Writer's Notebooks with clear contact. Decorating of front covers is almost complete and we would like to keep our notebooks in good condition. If you can help, please let me know & I will send contact and books home with your child.

**READING AT HOME:** Well done to all students. Reading routines in 3/4/5M are well established with the majority of students completing the minimum reading requirements each week. These are:

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

The **INDIGENOUS DANCE INCURSION** is on tomorrow. Please return your permission form and payment if you have not yet done so.

**YVFM** Due to high demand from other local schools this year, we have only 6 radio sessions on Yarra Valley FM's 'School's In' radio program. With 32 grade 5/6 students, we need to roster 5 or 6 students on each session. This means we need 2 drivers each week. Cindy Bale has very kindly offered to be a regular driver but she can only transport 4 passengers. **It is vital that we have an extra driver otherwise not every student will be able to have a turn.** Drivers need a Working With Children Check (which can be easily arranged – see Veronica in the office) and comprehensive car insurance. Our first session is on Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup>. A roster will be sent home very soon. Please note your child's date and if you can help, let me know as soon as possible.

### **HOMEWORK**

- Show off your creativity and **cover your homework book** with photos, magazine pictures, drawings or computer designs. Please cover the book in plastic contact to protect it.
- **Reading:** Book Club novels have come home today and must be completed by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March when discussions and activities will take place. Continue to read every night and sign diaries/record books.
- **Spelling:** Use Look Cover Write Check to practice words for the test on Friday.
- **G5 Maths Revision – Perimeter & Area:** This is compulsory for grade 5s and optional for other students. The Maths work is a revision of what has been studied the previous week. Grade 5 students will correct it together & discuss any issues on Friday.