Thankyou to the students and to Dayne and Shane Chapman for their work last week in spreading the new soft fall under all the playground equipment. The children have been using all the equipment this week except for the new net which had been delayed in its installation. When we have it all in we will put a few photos in the newsletter.

We are still working through our staffing for next year with some jobs currently advertised to fill some vacancies. When we have these finalised we will let school community know of our staffing and possible classroom structures.

It has been great to see some of the work being produced by the older children in our school lately. They have taken on challenges of improving and extending their work and this can be seen in the work they have done on the life cycle of frogs. The Year 6 children have certainly stepped up their efforts in their learning and their preparation for secondary school. This also helps our Year 4 and 5 students who see where they need to go to get themselves prepared for in their future learning.

Please keep in contact with the school if you have any concerns or questions and also if you have any information for teachers that may be helpful in supporting your child’s needs at school. Sometimes things happen in a student’s life outside of school that impacts on their learning at school. If we know what is happening it makes it far easier for staff to support children who may need some extra support. It also helps if we have up to date contact information (email, phone, home address etc) so that we are easily able to make contact and provide relevant information.

Remembrance Day Wednesday 11th November – Holding our small Remembrance Day for our School, all School Community are welcome to attend.
The Island Camp Update

- Please make sure final payments are made as soon as possible.
- Departure is at 9:15am on Wednesday 11\textsuperscript{th} November and we ask that you arrive at 8:45am for arrangements such as transfer of medication, the storage of luggage and to ensure a prompt departure.
- Buses will return Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} of November at approximately 2:30-3:00pm. We will notify the school of more accurate times when we are about 30 minutes away.
- All medical information is to be given to Miss Greenslade prior to departure. This must include the students name, dosage and time of day it is to be given.
- Please make sure you pack your child snack and lunch for the first day in a daypack. This should also include a hat, raincoat and water bottle. Students with asthma must carry their own reliever medication and spacer in a day pack to each activity on and off site to the camp. Students with Epipens will also need to carry their Epipen with them.
- Please read through the ‘bring list’ carefully. Some essentials to remember to bring are a fitted sheet, pillow protector, sunscreen, day pack, a towel, water bottle and a warm coat for the Penguin Parade. Please note only roll on deodorant is permitted, no aerosols (spray deodorant or perfume) are to be on site due to smoke detectors and allergies.
- No money is permitted on camp.
- Please do not allow students to bring electronic items.

Healesville Excursion

The students in Grades Prep, One and Two are all looking forward to our trip to Healesville Sanctuary on Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} November. Due to the large number of volunteers to assist, names had to be drawn out of a hat and all selected helpers were notified by phone. Thanks to everyone who volunteered. Look out for a note early next week regarding what students need to bring, as well as our times of departure and return.

Prep Preview

We will be looking at the sounds ‘ch’ makes and words with ‘ch’ in them.

We will be looking at Chance and Subtraction in maths.

In Investigations will continue to look at Australian animals. This week will focus on endangered animals and life cycles.

In spelling we will look at hearing all sounds in words and revising rhyming words.

In writing we will be focusing on using our writing checklists to help us reach our writing goals.

Please return any overdue library books on Thursday so your child can borrow.

Our Healesville excursion is nearly here! Make sure you have returned your child’s money and permission note.

Amy Waite
**Week 6 Preview 12A**

We will continue our focus on subtraction next week in Maths. Students could practise simple addition and the related subtraction facts to help them build their confidence and accuracy (eg. 5+4 = 9, so 9-5=4). Today we looked at different ways to solve missing number equations (eg. □-4=7, or □-5=8), which was very challenging and had most of us wobbling at least a little.

Early next week we will summarize our new learning about sharks, before we begin individual research for our information reports on an Australian native animal. We will begin by activating our prior knowledge, and asking questions about our animals.

We will spend some time looking at the map and timetable for the Healesville Sanctuary, so that we can plan what we would like to see while we are there.

After exploring the long ‘a’ sound, and the different phonograms that can represent this sound in the last week, we will move on to oi and oy words next week. Due to the short week, students will retain the same individual spelling words for next week.

**Preview 4/5/6 D**

With such a short week and testing we haven’t completed all of our learning tasks from this week so our preview will remain the same. Next week our year fours go on camp. I hope they have a wonderful time. Phillip Island Camp is fabulous.

Very few students completed all homework tasks this week and handed them in today. I would like to congratulate Charlotte, Ali, Sophie and Gavin for their efforts. A few other children had completed some tasks, but not others. The expectation for this week was reading for four nights per week, practise spelling words and complete a Maths Mate. There is no homework this week due to a few students at Sport Camp and the up and coming Year Four Camp. I would appreciate it if parents could use this time to make sure their child completed this week’s tasks. A few children have still not submitted their Frog Posters.

Thank you

*Susan Duncan*

**Parents and Friends News**

**LUNCH ORDERS**

Great support again for our Fundraising Lunches, Thank you all.

Friday 13th November Subway
Friday 20th November Subway

**FUNDRAISERS**

**Term 4**

Friday 27th November -Subway Lunch Fundraiser
Saturday 28th November – Shopping trip to DFO Essendon / Tullamarine

Hurry on in to the office and grab your ticket for a great day out shopping. 132 shops in 1 place, start saving that money girls and boys.

$40.00 per seat, Tickets are available now from the office, grab your seat for a great day out.
LOST PROPERTY

Still lots and lots of lost property, come and have a look.

**Don’t forget to support** - Ritchies – IGA Churchill with your community benefits card
- Bakers Delight Morwell and Traralgon, just mention our school.
- School Banking, commission from deposits come back to school.

**Book Fair**

A **Big Thankyou** to our School Community for your support during our recent Under the Sea Book Fair. The Book Fair raised more than $500 in free books for the Library.

Our Book Fair assistants Charlotte, Gavin, Georgia, Jarrod, Jazmine and Riley did a fantastic job decorating the Library, promoting their “Guess how many shells competition?” and helping our many customers.

The Assistants also accepted the responsibility of presenting a “Book Talk” to a particular grade. This activity involved a great deal of planning and required practicing their presentation, collaboration with another Assistant, time management, and thinking about their target audience.

Congratulations to our competition winners for their estimation skills. There were 788 shells in the Library. All our winners received a $15 voucher to spend in the Book Fair.

Our competition winners were Lily-Rose (786), Sophie Bell (799), Logan (800), and Cooper H(756).

*Kaye Stockdale*