Grade 5/6 Ngarrert Newsletter
Term: 1  Week: 5

What’s Coming Up
- **Taming the Butterflies / Standing Tall (Grade 6)** - every Monday Term 1
- **Labour Day Weekend**  Monday 9th March
- **School Photos**: 20th April
- **Earthkeeper’s Camp**
  - **Camp 1** - (First ½ Grade 5) Wednesday, April 22nd - Friday April 24th
  - **Camp 1** - (Second ½ Grade 5) Monday, April 27th - Wednesday, April 29th

Homework Expectations
- **Reading** for 20-30 minutes every day. Record your reading in your diary.
- **Reading Letters**: One per fortnight. Each student has a special day to hand this in.
- **Taming of the Butterflies (Grade 6 only - instead of reading letters)**
- **Spelling**: individual lists for testing on Thursdays or other task
- **Mathletics** At least 45 minutes per week. [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au)

School Supervision
There have been several accidents before school in the past few weeks involving children who have been dropped off at school too early. Please note that the playground is only supervised from 8.40 until 3.45 each normal school day. Outside of these hours, students at school are expected to be enrolled at Outside School Hours Care. The Patch PS offers a very reasonably priced before school care program to assist those parents who need to drop their children off before 8.40am, or pick them up after 3.45pm. Please visit our website for further information. Please work with us to ensure the safety of your children.

Diaries and Grade Six Jumpers
All students should now have their 2015 diary. It must be at school every day. All students are required to record their daily reading in their diaries.
Grade Six jumpers are expected to arrive at school by Monday 2nd March.

SSV Division Championships - Swimming
On Tuesday the 3rd of March, a number of students ranging from grades 3 to 6 will be competing in the School Sport Victoria Division Championships in swimming. These students qualified based on their times and places in the district competition on the 17th of February. They have done extremely well even to compete at the district level. Congratulations to them all!
What are we learning about at the moment?

Taming of the Butterflies and Standing Tall
This week in the 5/6 classroom we have been doing lots of different things. The grade sixes have done “Taming of the Butterflies” and “Standing Tall”. Taming of the Butterflies is a speaking program that helps tame your butterflies, when you are speaking in public. It teaches you to speak clearly and to be social. Standing Tall is another program that teaches you Self-defence for later in life. It teaches you martial arts and how to stand tall physically and mentally.

Inquiry Learning
In the classroom we are doing a project based learning called Inquiry. We have picked a topic and have chosen a deep question to research and do a project on in school time. We have eight weeks to complete the project and have already passed two weeks.

Maths
In maths we are trying to figure out the average patch student. We have created and completed a survey that we have all used to try and average out the answers to make the average patch student.

Spelling
This week in spelling we have learnt about “prefixes, base words and suffixes”. We have gone onto a website called “Jelly Fish” and have gone around the room investigating words that include prefixes, base words and suffixes.

Reading and Writing
In reading and writing we are focusing on narratives - orientations, complications and resolutions. We have read a book that we had to explain what happened. What the setting was the beginning the problem and the resolution. We have to also write about a story that we have chosen and put in a beginning, problem and resolution.

Open Garden
The Grade 5s are organising our 5/6 craft making stall for the Open Garden on Mondays. We are excited about the open garden and are really hoping we will have some parent volunteers to help us with our stall. Please remember that if you want to help us you need to fill in the attached form.

By Sadie Mustoe and Jessica Van der Wurf 56A
We are informing you about the open garden scheme, on the 14-15 of March. The grade 5/6’s are running a craft store and we need your help to donate some materials for the three activities being held. (If possible) the three activities are: creating your own pet rock, scare crows and CD bird scarers.

These are the following materials we hope you can supply us with. (If not possible no worries)
- Smooth Rocks - each no more than 500gms
- Old fabric
- Straw-not hay (for allergies)
- Old Newspapers
- String-wool-thread
- Buttons- beads
- Wooden skewers - preferably with the sharp ends removed
- Natural things, leaves, gumnuts, bark-etc.
- Old clothes
- Feathers
- Hessian
- Glitter
- Tin foil
- Other satisfying objects for children’s craft

Thankyou,
Grade 5/6’s

P.S We do not wish for you to buy any of these materials (all found or recycled)

(Molly, Jasmine and Niamh)

Parents Needed to Assist

Dear 5/6 parents,

If you would like to step up and help us with our craft store please fill this form in:

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The open garden is on the 14th and the 15th of March. Please return this form by the 6th of March.

From 5/6A, 5/6B and 5/6C (Max Cooper and Luke)