Wow 6 weeks down 5 to go!!! How fast the year has gone. 😊

IN THE CLASSROOM

We have been focusing this term on Sustainability and all students have identified a problem at a local level to investigate its causes and then devise their own possible solutions to the problem. Students are choosing their own medium in which to present their findings, an example of these are power point presentations, letters to organisations, letters to the council, posters and brochures. These projects will be winding up soon and we look forward to assessing them. Our students always amaze us with their creativity and novel approaches to difficult situations. In maths we are doing a big push on automatic recall of times tables and number facts. Please practice your child’s times tables with them and quiz on an assortment of quick number facts.

HOOP TIME

Last Thursday saw The Patch Power basketball team compete in the Hoop Time Regional Finals in Dandenong, and they came out undefeated for the tournament and invited to compete on Friday November 30th in the State Finals. We wish them the very best of luck and a big thank – you to Di Gadsden and Carolyn Gillard for their help.

GRADUATION

With the end of the year rapidly approaching so too is GRADUATION. This Thursday November 22nd is the Foot Steps Disco which is the major fundraiser for the Year 6’s. A note was sent home last week asking for donations of Fun Size chocolates and glow sticks to sell on the evening as part of the fundraising effort. A great big thank – you to those who have already sent along donations to school. If you are yet to do so, please make sure they are at school by Thursday. A roster for selling and working at the Foot Steps Disco will be sent home today or tomorrow. Please look out for it so you can ensure your child is at school at their rostered time. A letter inviting parents to attend graduation was sent home last week; please return the bottom portion to school asap to assist with seating arrangements. Both students and staff are looking forward to what is sure to be a beautiful and dignified way of celebrating their primary school years in the wonderful setting of the garden, which the students had a significant contribution of designing, creating and caring for. Looking forward to sharing a special evening with all our Year 6 students and their families.

DISCO – FUN DANCING, GREAT FOOD, GREAT ATMOSPHERE.

This Thursday November 22nd is our annual Foot Steps disco. Our Disco runs from 7.15pm – 8.15pm. Please ensure you drop your child at the door and collect them from the hall. No students are permitted to leave the building without an adult. They cannot go home alone. Even if they live close. Year 6’s will need to be at the junior school disco as well to sell food and items as part of graduation fundraising. A roster will come home soon.

KNOX LEISURE WORKS – LAST DAY OF YEAR.

All students will have brought home an excursion permission and payment form for this year’s 5/6 excursion/celebration to Knox Leisure Works, which will take place on Friday December 21st. Form and money need to be returned to school by Wednesday November 28th. No late payments will be accepted. Students not attending will be given alternative work to complete back at school. We encourage all students to participate in a celebration of a wonderful year together. It will be run and supervised by qualified instructors provided by Knox Leisure Works with all 5/6 teachers in attendance.

PREP / 6 BUDDY EXCURSION – MELBOURNE ZOO.

This year’s Prep/ 6 buddy excursion is to the Melbourne Zoo on Thursday December 6th. All Year 6 students participate and find it a beautiful way to finish off a year of mentoring, guiding and caring for their Prep buddy. Form and money need to be returned to school by Wednesday November 28th. No late payments will be accepted.

2013 YEAR 6 JACKETS ORDERS

Our current Year 5’s have taken home order forms for next year’s Year 6 jackets. On the form a size was highlighted as a recommended size, (students tried on this year’s Year jackets as a guide.) The highlighted size is just a guide and if you think they need a different size then feel free to order this. All orders need to be back at school by Wednesday November 28th. No late payments will be accepted. The Year 6 is optional and there is no expectations that students will purchase one.