



MIDDLE SYNDICATE NEWSLETTER TERM 3

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The term has started well and it is lovely to see all the children back ready for another term of learning and fun!

One of our major events is the school cross country which is being held on Monday 4 September beginning at 9.45. We have started training the children now and we are having a syndicate competition - "Running to Space". The best class will receive a prize! This has a dual purpose- children improving their fitness for the race and also for the year 5 and 6s to increase their stamina to help with the walk up to Sunrise Hut in Term 4.

Next week on the 8th and 9th August, the Red Cross are coming into each class to do a presentation called "Let's Get Ready". This is to help the children know how to react and prepare for an emergency. As this is the first time the programme has been delivered they have asked if they are able to photograph parts of the presentation, including children to be used in a publication. There is a return slip at the bottom of this newsletter. If you DO NOT want your child to be photographed at all please ring the school by Monday.

As you know the children are all participating in a Futsal programme run by HB Soccer. Once this has finished the children will then be coached in softball until the end of the term. The children are very fortunate to have the opportunity to be exposed to the various sporting codes.

Our schoolwide Inquiry focus for this term is "Thinking like a Scientist!" We intend that the children will all have a greater understanding of scientific methods and testing by the end of the topic.

A reminder about our year 5 and 6 camp next term.

SJ 14 will be at Wakarara from the 15-17 November, SM12 from the 20-22 November and SJ13 from the 22- 24 November. Permission letters for the camp and letters requesting parent help will be sent home later this term. If too many parents wish to come on camp there will be a ballot.

The cost for the camp is \$70.00 per child. \$120.00 if there is more than one child in Year 5 and 6. If there is a problem about paying this fee, please contact the school office.

The year 3 and 4s will have an activity day in Term 4.

We have children representing the school in a variety of sports- basketball, soccer, 10 a-side rugby and hockey. Thank you to all the parents who coach, manage and support these teams.

A big thank you to all the parents who helped with our Term Two sports teams.

We are looking forward to seeing all next week at interviews.

Middle Syndicate Teachers