Cycle A newsletter

Term 4

Dear Parents and guardians

Welcome back to Term 4!

This term our unit is Growing Up: Challenges and Choices. This unit considers what it means to grow up. Every person goes through a journey from childhood to adulthood, and it is our response to challenges which determine what kind of people we become. In Core Studies, we look at childhood and different rites of passage around the world, and compare them to our own experiences.

Before we go to Wilson’s Prom, we will set goals for ourselves and learn about the challenges the Prom itself has faced (bushfires, floods and degradation). After camp we will look at individuals who have overcome significant challenges as a way to learn how to build resilience, overcome challenges and make positive choices in life.

Our main assignment will involve researching the life of children in other countries and thinking about the challenges that will be faced in their adolescence. This will be introduced in Week 2.

Wilson’s Prom Camp:
After our first successful Practice Hike, we will be revealing the six camp groups in Week 2. We do not anticipate this list to change significantly and encourage people to start working out tent and cooking groups. If these groups change, we will do our best to make sure there is the least impact on the other group members. We will contact you as soon as possible if any changes affect your child.

Key Dates for the term:

Week 2: Monday 21 October 2013
Camp Groups revealed

Week 3: Monday 28 October 2013
Second Practice Hike (minor changes will be finalised after this)

Week 4: Mon 4 & Tues 5 November 2013
Student Free/Cup day

Week 5: Wednesday 13 November 2013
‘Walk in my shoes’ assignment due

Week 6: 18 - 22 November 2013
CAMP WEEK – Drop off Monday 6.30am, Pick up Friday 3.15 pm

Week 7: Thursday 28 November 2013
Year 9 Open Village Information Evening (Year 8 parents)

Week 9: Tuesday 10 December 2013
Orientation for 2014

Week 10: Thursday 19 December 2013
Last Day of School
We are all getting very excited and hope you have been successful in being able to find the equipment required for camp. If you are still collecting items, make sure to check the newsletter each week in case there are items to buy second hand. We also suggest putting your own ad in the school newsletter if you are still seeking items to borrow or purchase, as many school parents may have these items.

Thank you for your continued support and efforts in equipping the kids to enjoy a fantastic camp. It is a huge highlight for most students and we can reassure you that it is well worth all your efforts!

If you have further questions please don’t hesitate to ask your classroom teacher.

In His service,

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