Dear Senior Primary Parents,

Re: Senior Primary Newsletter

Welcome to Term 4. This term promises to be an exciting term, especially for our Year 6s who will complete their last term of Primary School!

Thank you for attending Parent-Teacher interviews. It is always enjoyable and valuable to chat with you about your child.

This year we are continuing our practice of running separate Year 5s and 6s Core Studies units in Term 4. Year 5s’ topic will be ‘Antarctica’ and Year 6s will be exploring issues related to leaving Primary School and the transition to Secondary School. This unit is entitled ‘The Next Step’.

Homework
A reminder of our homework policy: students must hand in homework on the assigned days (Spelling on Wednesdays, Numeracy on Fridays). They will receive one ‘grace’ per term; after that they will be required to spend a lunchtime completing the unsubmitted work or working on ways to develop personal organisation habits. Year 6s will also have an increased amount of homework in preparation for next year.

School Dress Code
A reminder that Term 4 is ‘Hat Term’. Your child needs a broad-brimmed hat to be allowed into the playground and for participating in PE classes. (The brim of the hat should be at least 5 centimetres).

Your support in following the school dress code is also much appreciated. If you are not clear what the code is please click on the link below:


The office can supply a printed copy of the school dress code on request.

Following the dress code shows respect and cooperation with the school’s policies. Time following up dress code incidents is time that could be much better spent!
A special note for Year 6 Parents only

One of the things we will be focusing on in our ‘Next Step’ unit is personal organisation and accountability. This will involve an increase in both the amount of homework given and in our expectations relating to the standard of work achieved.

We plan to have a Year 6s ‘fun day’. The fun day has been planned as an incentive to encourage the students with their organisation and accountability, and only those that have adequately completed their set requirements (including homework) will be allowed to attend.

Graduation

Please note the date of Graduation on 13 December 2013 in your diaries. Further information regarding Graduation on will be sent home in a separate letter shortly.

Looking forward to a great term,

Melissa Dykstra, Carmen de Kock & Ben Clark
The Senior Primary Teachers