

### May 2019

Interschool sports has kicked off, with our students competing against Seville and Coldstream. It has been great to see our students brave the cold to play against other schools in our area. We are proud that they continue to uphold our school values on and off the field on every occasion!

#### Literacy

In Reading, we have recently begun looking at healthy eating, the effects this has on our brains and body, as well as healthy alternatives to fast food. We have unpacked a number of written and digital report pieces.

Our Writing unit works in conjunction with our reading as the students begin to develop informational reports about the positive effects of healthy eating. We have been looking into the importance of sub headings, gathering of credible evidence and developing bibliographies. The students reports are in the early stages of drafting, but they are already looking great!

By aligning reading and writing to the overall theme of healthy eating, we are assisting the students in building knowledge and understanding to the importance of having a balance and nutritional diet.

#### Numeracy

In Number and Algebra, we have begun looking at percentages off (the new sale price) and of (the amount we save). By understanding these two concepts, students can identify what products are worth purchasing compared to other products. We will be commencing a mini project on finance very soon!

In Measurement and Geometry, we have begun identifying different angle types and also comparing between angles. Students have been using protractors when solving the degrees of an angle. They have also been estimating the size of an angle before measuring it.

#### Inquiry

At the start of this Term, we were looking closely at climate change and how it has been effecting our environments. This has been valuable learning that has progressed into our new focus of living sustainably. Students have already identified some ways in which they live sustainable, both at home and at school. Students have begun researching ways in which people can easily modify everyday tasks in becoming more sustainable. We hope that by presenting these suggestions, our students (and teachers) begin thinking about simple ways in which they can be kinder to our planet.

#### NAPLAN

In Week Four, our year five students undertook NAPLAN testing. We want to congratulate these students on their attitude towards these tests, as they all gave it their best go. We are very proud of you all.

#### Reminders:

**Homework:** Please remember that homework is to be submitted every Friday. Don't forget that our weekly homework includes reading practice, spelling practice and times table practice.

**FlexiBuzz** is now used as a form of contact between teachers and parents. If parents need to contact teachers, please request contact with a teacher and we will then open communication via the chat option.

**Interschool Sports** begins in week 4 on the 17th May. All year six students and some year five students have been selected.

#### **High School Open Nights:**

Forms have gone home regarding student placements for 2020. If you have any questions about schools, the high schools are the best ones to answer your questions, however your student's teacher may be able to provide some information.

#### **Three-Way Conferences**

Forms will be going home this week in regards to the conferences between teachers, students and parents. Please ensure that you nominate your preferred time slot and we will do our best to accommodate for all.