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Important Dates:

MARCH

Fri 28

Cross Country Trials @
Castlemaine Botanical
Gardens

Mon 31

School Council 7.30pm

APRIL

Fri 4

End of Term 1
(2.30 finish)

Tue 22

Start term 2

Fri 25

ANZAC Day holiday

Mon 28

School Council 7.30pm

MAY

Fri 2

Science incursion -
Electricity and magnets

Wed 7

Proposed Paddock to
Plate local excursion

NEWSLETTER 4 20th March 2014

From The Principal

Dear families,

It is hard to believe it is almost the end of term with only one newsletter to follow this edition. There is an unusual start to the next term as it begins on Tuesday 22nd April as the Monday is the Easter Monday holiday. The same week has ANZAC day falling on Friday so the first week back will be quite short indeed!

Under directions from the department we are in the process of reviewing a significant number of school policies such as our Bushfire Emergency Policy, the results of which will be conveyed to the broader school community once they have been ratified by school council. There will be a few administrative changes as a result of the reviews, two changes in particular are the administering of student medication and the procedures, protocols and expectations around school volunteers. Firstly if your child requires medication while at school a form needs to be filled out relating to the medication and dosage. Please note that if medication is to be taken three times a day then it can be done outside school hours (before and after school and before bed). When you are with your doctor please discuss this when scripts are written. Secondly, all volunteers that come into our school, including parents will need a working with children check (WWCC) and need to be aware of the protocols on entering a class. The finer details of these changes will be communicated through the newsletter early next term.

Have you popped into the 'Big Room' lately to check out some of the magnificent artwork? (Which has been featured over the past couple of newsletters). The latest pieces here and on page 3 are quite stunning, Well done Nina and students!

Brendan



Students of the Week

Jen for her enthusiasm for learning and her excellent work habits.

Declan for his hard work at improving his story writing during our literacy sessions.

Brodie Glenister for his huge improvement in his nightly reading at home.

Lauren Girvan for her consistency in being an active and productive participant in class.

WELL DONE!

Term 2 Paddock to Plate topic

Next term our themed unit will be titled "Paddock to Plate" and we intend to have a local excursion to various farm businesses. If you know of any farms in our district that would be suitable and willing to have us visit, let me know. So far we are going to Pollard's apple orchard.

FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS

Lunches must be ordered at the Elphinstone General Store/ Post Office by Wednesday for Friday lunches.



2014 LUNCH PICKUP ROSTER TERM 1	
March	
21	Caroline
28	Karen
April	
4	Su-Anne

Lunch Pickup Roster TERM 2 2014	
May	
2	Criselda
9	Gayle
16	Sue
23	Siobhan
30	Caroline
June	
6	Karen
13	Su-Anne
20	Criselda
27	Gayle

What is happening in our classrooms.....

Mrs Perry

The Prep-2 students will learn to include the beginning, middle and end when writing stories. During our reading sessions, students will recognise the story elements: characters, setting, problem and solution. In Mathematics we will work on activities related to place value, multiplication and volume and capacity.

Mr Lidgett/Ms Zan

Cross country is next week! Children are now focused on increasing their distance that they are running, and working on improvement. This may be running faster, or less walks throughout the course.

Children are exploring measurement in maths. Year 3 to 6s are working through different ways to measure and how to measure effectively. Year 3/4s are using informal and formal ways to measure. Yr 5/6s are ordering and comparing objects using different measurement terminologies.

We have some upcoming writers within our year 5/6 class. Most students are into the final stage of the writing process which is presentation. Their narrative writing pieces will be soon ready for readers!

Mr Stewart

We will be beginning to study narrative texts by reading and writing them. An emphasis will be on creating an interruption to their stories and therefore create a solution to end them. During reading sessions we will continue to grow our list of "QI's" which are quite interesting snippets of information while reading factual texts.



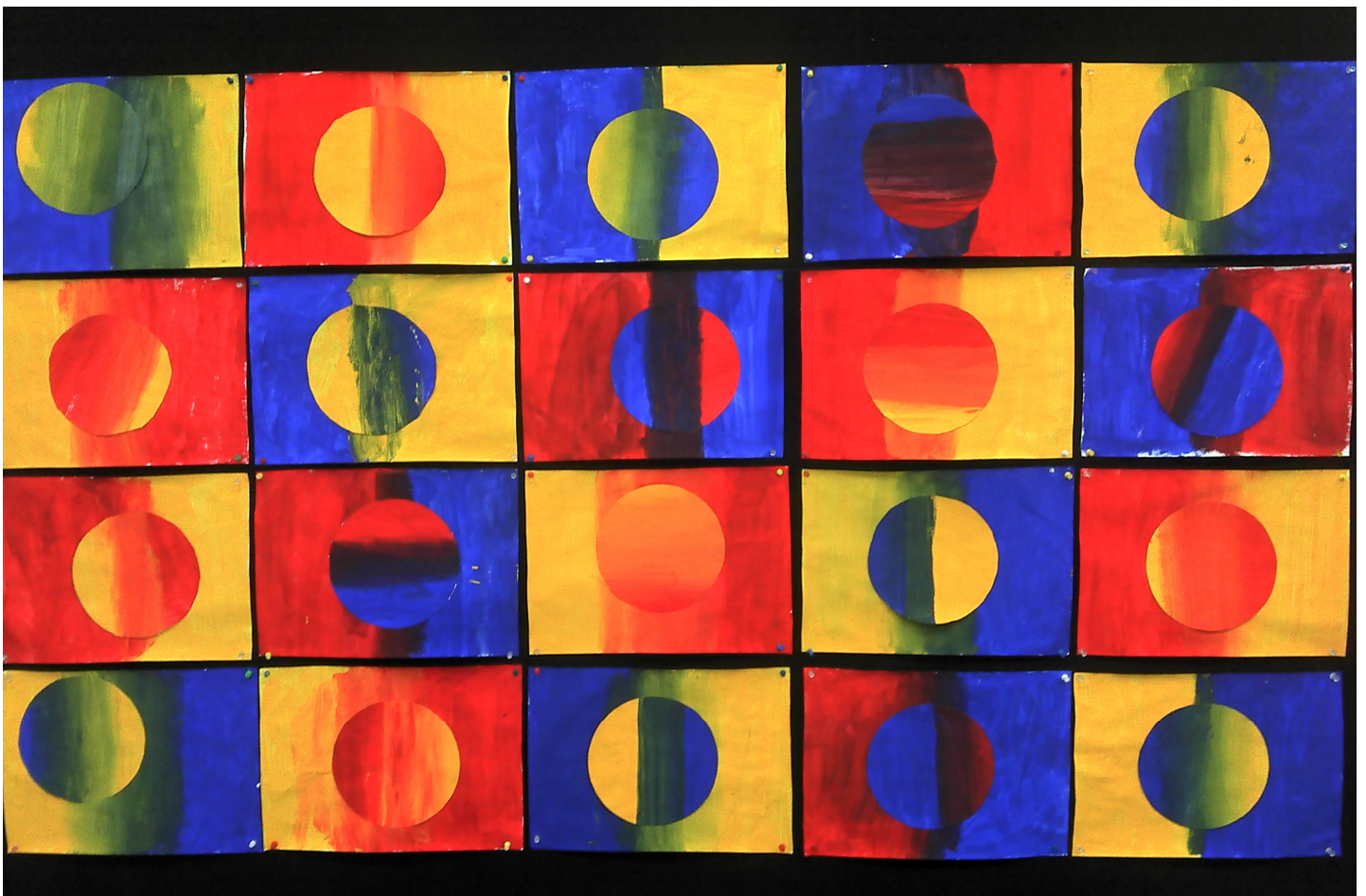
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Abi

PLANETS 4-6

Each student covered two pieces of art paper in their chosen primary colours. The paint was applied using vertical brush strokes beginning at opposite ends, merging in the middle of the paper to make a secondary colour. When dry, students cut a large circle out of one piece of paper and pasted it on their other piece.



Persuasive Writing

Students in Mr Stewart's Literacy class have been studying the "recipe" for writing exposition or persuasive writing. We hope you enjoy the following pieces:

PEOPLE SHOULD PLAY MORE SPORT

By Elias Mitchell

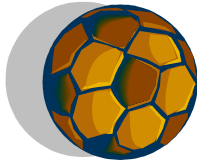
I think that you should play more sport. Here are three good reasons why.

First you should play more sport and watch less TV because if you just sit around you won't be healthy.

The next reason is that you should play more sport to get fit. For example you could play football tennis or soccer.

Sport is fun. For example you can have fun doing swimming because you can do fancy dives and different strokes.

I hope I have changed your mind about playing more sport.



THERE SHOULD BE LESS ADS ON TV

By Declan Pridham

I think there should be less ads on TV. Here are three good reasons why.

Have you ever been in the middle of your favourite show when a good part comes on and then there is a long ad break? I have. When I was watching 'Rabids Invasion' the other day they stuck on an ad break just before the best part!

There are ads that don't belong on Kids channels. For example when I was watching cartoons an ad break came on selling beer! Can you believe it?

There are too many ads in one ad break. For example there were over 13 ads in one break the other night. It is really annoying how long they go for.

So here are my three reasons why there should be less ads on TV. I hope that you agree with me



ALL KIDS SHOULD HAVE PETS

By Dylan McKeone

All kids should have pets and here are 3 good reasons why.

The first reason is that you can learn.

The second reason is that you can be responsible.

The third reason is that pets keep you company.

I hope I've changed your mind now.



KIDS SHOULD READ MORE BOOKS

By Alex Woodley-Rainer

Kids should read more books. Here are some reasons why.

Books are good because they sometimes tell us some quite interesting facts. For example you could learn about volcanoes or animals.

The next reason is that it can help to improve your reading. For example if you choose a slightly difficult book with some hard words it will help you learn new words.

Books are also fun to read. For example Andy Griffiths books make you laugh along with your friends and family.

I hope that you have changed your mind about books and why kids should read them.



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