NUMERACY

We will continue to focus on number and place value through multiplication and division. As part of our sustainability unit we will be calculating area and perimeter and using money in a real life context. Rainforest Maths will provide valuable mathematics practice for homework. This is accessible through the Mathletics website.

LITERACY

Students have been immersed in text through the CAFÉ reading program and discovering many strategies for independent learning. Teachers conference regularly with students and set goals. Our writing focus will be snapshot and persuasive genres. An exciting new program we are introducing is a weekly buddy reading program. Senior students use the skills they are learning in reading to develop a mini lesson for their prep buddy. Preps are also learning the CAFÉ strategies.

PATHS

As our Term 2 unit is heavily reliant on group work, our PATHS focus will be around cooperative skills and teamwork. We will also continue with the ‘Kid of the Week’ program throughout this term.

UNIT

Our topic for this term is Sustainability. Students will be investigating sustainable growth through work conducted in a virtual world and open ended tasks. They will be assigned a building task within Minecraft and will be working in groups to manage resources, develop strategies and implement concepts pertaining to sustainability.

IMPORTANT DATES

15/04  Curriculum Day
16/04  Excursion to Tintern for Steel Pan concert.
17/04  Maroondah Anzac Service for school leaders.
17/04  Secondary Schools Enrolment Forms distributed.
18/04  Shrine Anzac Service for school leaders.
25/04  Anzac Day
14-16/05 Naplan for Grade 5s.
17/05  Secondary Schools Enrolment Forms due back.
10/06  Queen’s Birthday
28/06  Acrobatic Performance
28/06  Term 2 ends 2.30pm

iPADS

Thank you to all families for supporting the implementation of the 1:1 iPad program in Level 4. It has been a terrific success and we have had participation rates that exceeded our expectations. Throughout Term 2 we will continue to consolidate and expand upon their use in the classroom. Our next focus will be on improving student management of content on iPads. It will frequently be possible to complete homework using the tablets and we encourage parents to take an active role in supporting students to remain safe in their usage and regularly monitor their child’s online activities.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Winter interschool sport begins in Week 3. Thank you to those parents who volunteered in Term 1. Without your assistance sport is unable to go ahead. Early in the term we will be sending home another note requesting parent support again. We thank you in anticipation!