Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Welcome back to Term 2 and I hope you have had a wonderful break! I am really looking forward to the second term of the year after such a great start in Term 1. A reminder that this term is 11 weeks, so it is longer than Term 1 and ends on Friday 24th June.

There is much planned for the children to do and learn about this term, as we begin our whole school focus on SCIENCE. Term 2 promises to be busy and exciting for everyone, including NAPLAN, Education Week, Anzac Day service, Grandparents Supper, Camp, Book Fair, Science Incursion, and Empower Boys and Girls.

I encourage all parents to put ten minutes aside each week to read the School newsletter, stay informed and get involved in events and learning programs whenever possible.

ANZAC
We will be conducting a whole school ANZAC DAY assembly on Friday, April 22nd at 9am. We will recognise and learn about the importance of ANZAC DAY. Matt Bull one of our wonderful Servicemen will be talking to the students. We encourage parents to attend this special assembly.

On Monday, April 25th our school choir will be singing at the Monbulk RSL. If any students would like to join them in the ANZAC Parade March please meet us at Mitre 10 at 9:15am. On behalf of the school and Tony Smith, our Member of Parliament, our students will lay a wreath at the RSL flagpole.

Attitude to School Survey
All of our senior students (Years 5 &6) will be asked to complete a survey in the coming week/s regarding how they see their life at school: their studies, their relationships with their teacher/s, their peers and how safe they feel. This survey is completed by senior students across the state at this time of the year, to determine key areas for schools to focus upon and improve in. How our students feel at school and how engaged they are in their work, is extremely important to us at school and is analysed by both Staff and School Council.

Maintenance Update
The Senior toilet block and the hallway in the portable area are now freshly painted and looking fantastic. We are now in the process of obtaining quotes for the Main Office building to be repaired and painted so I will inform you when that work is to start.

Key Diary Dates
Term Dates: -
11 April—June 24
25 April—Anzac Day Holiday.
2 May—Student of Month Assembly in Music Room.
12 May—Scholastic Book Fair.
19—20 May—Grade 3 Camp to Mt Evelyn Recreation Reserve.

Child Free Dates:
25 April—Anzac Day
10 June—Report Writing Day.

Expect more - Achieve more!

Notices Sent Home this Week
Grade 6 Transition to Secondary School, due back by 13 May.
Fencing on David Hill Road
As you may have noticed the erection of a 1.6 metre high fence has commenced. This will provide a greater degree of safety for the children, when playing in the pines. I would like to thank Paul Utting and Steve Woolcock for their amazing work in helping me through the process.

Basketball/ Netball Rings
Over the holidays we had basketball and netball rings put in. It has been fantastic seeing the students enjoying playing basketball this week. Leigh Thomson is excited, as she is going to utilise them greatly in PE lessons.

New Chairs
Every classroom in the school now has new student chairs, so we have been able to offer to you the old blue cloth chairs for free, if you wish to take any. They are stored under the cover way near the new portables.

School Fees
We have reduced the amount owing on the school fees but we are still owed $35,272.50. This is still a significant amount outstanding, which would help us recoup the cost of essential items, that we have already paid for. Unfortunately if we do not receive these payments it may cause us to reduce some extra programs. If you have any problems with payment of the fees please come and speak to me.

Student of the Month
The next Student of the Month assembly is on Monday May 2nd. This will be held in the Music Room at 9am.

Year 3 Camp
On Tuesday our Year 3 students will be experiencing an overnight camp at Mt Evelyn Recreation Camp. I’m excited about visiting them on Tuesday afternoon to see how they are enjoying it. This will be a fantastic opportunity for this age group to get used to a camp situation before they attend the Year 4/5 camp next year for 3 days.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Lynn Ordish
We made a model of surviving a plane crash, with a PowerPoint as well. We liked making our model. At the Expo, there were so many parents I couldn’t even see my own.

Harry H. and Jules

E.R.P. – Monbulkopolis. I made my own town and showed goods and services. I called my town Zacvill. I thought it was difficult to do on my own but I did it and enjoyed sharing it with my mum and dad.

Zac

We did our E.R.P. on home fire. We made a game that showed you how to escape a house when it’s on fire. The Expo was very full and a lot of people commented positively on our game which was really good.

Alvan and Kody

We did a project on surviving a home fire. We think that we did a good job with our model and PowerPoint. Next time we’d like to do some more writing. The Expo was good and a lot of parents came to visit.

Rihanna and Molly Salan

We did an act on Minecraft. We had to survive through the situation of a stranger asking you questions. We used cardboard to make props and brought toys in, and made a PowerPoint as well. We thought it was fun to make and to act. There were lots of people at the Expo and it was a little hard to show people our act with all the noise.

Keely, Matilda D. and Lana
For our E.R.P. we chose the Minecraft scenario. We did a PowerPoint and act, it was fun making it but it took 8 or so hours. The co-operation was good and it was nice to work with someone else.

Jacob H. and Coops

Our topic was Stranded, it was about a plane crash. We showed how to make fires, food, weapons, water and shelter. We thought ours and everybody else’s E.R.P.s were amazing. We were surprised how many people were there in the music room for the Expo.

Will, James and Archie

I designed a new town that showed goods and services, and needs and wants. I called my town Greensvillidale. I used coloured paper, cardboard and pencils to make it. It was fun!

Grace

We made a Minecraft board game that told people not to talk to strangers. It was so much fun to do and make. We really liked our board game and it made a lot of sense. We were surprised how many people there were at the Expo.

Matilda K. and Molly Schimm.

I did a board game on surviving a bush fire at a camp, and a book. I really enjoyed it, I think I did a good job. I was amazed at how many people were there on the night of the Expo.

Matilda A.

We thought that the E.R.P. was really good fun. Lots of people came to the Expo. We made a cardboard town called Monopolis, it was the biggest project there. We also had a PowerPoint about Code Red. The town showed goods and services, and needs and wants.

Jacob D., A.J. and Harry P.
You should soon receive Issue 3. Don't forget to have your orders in by Tuesday 26th April to go into the running to win a $25 Scholastic Book Club voucher.

Someone from our school WILL win! Good luck!

We will be holding a Book Fair at school on Thursday 12th May. We need the help of 2 or 3 parents for this fair. Please contact Di Daly if you are able to help on 0407 774 487.