Ardeer South Primary School
Grade Five Parent Information Bulletin

Goals
Among our goals this year, is the active encouragement of the student to take a greater responsibility for their own learning. The teachers will certainly assist the students but we would like to see the students developing independence, respecting people and property, using initiative, showing responsibility and developing time management skills in preparation for secondary school. We look forward to continuing the partnership between school and home this year.

Attendance Times
Teachers do not commence yard duty until 8.30am each school day. We therefore encourage students not to arrive at school before this time. School programs begin promptly at 8.45am. Please ensure that your child is at school on time. Parents are encouraged to farewell their children in the school yard, not in the corridor at 8.45am. If you have any problems or concerns relating to your child’s progress, please contact the school office to arrange a suitable time for discussion with the classroom teacher.

Student Absences
All student absences require either a note, telephone call or parent contact before or after by way of explanation. Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

Homework
The purpose of homework in year five is to reinforce what we have been learning in the classroom and to develop independent, organisational and research skills.

Weekly homework will include the following:
- Spelling words to learn and practise
- Tables to learn and practise
- Take-Home Books
- Finishing off work not yet completed in class
- Research - Students may need to find facts and information about a particular theme
- Take-Home Maths Card

There will be occasions when no specific homework is set. However, students can at these times read, learn tables or spelling words or carry out research or book reviews.

It is essential that students are encouraged to read on a daily basis, for short periods (15 – 20 minutes) at home. Reading daily newspapers, magazines, comics or books helps to develop reading skills and encourages the habit of reading. Reading in bed at night is a good idea. Ask your child to read aloud to you. Praise him / her for their efforts.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Regular Parent Teacher contacts will be maintained and encouraged throughout the year.

Term One: Parent Information Bulletin
Parent Teacher Interview Tuesday 24th March 2009

Term Three: Parent Teacher Interview and written report

Term Four: Written Report with optional interview
**Leaving the School Grounds**
Parents are required to sign the “Early Dismissal Book” in the office if they wish to take their child home early.

**Integrated Studies**
The units of work we will be covering this year as follows:
- **Term One:** Taking Care of the Earth
- **Term Two:** Games, Toys and Making Noise
- **Term Three:** Survival Past, Present and Future
- **Term Four:** Australia Past and Present Change

**Visiting Artists**
- **Term One:** Aladdin (1st March)
- **Term Two:** Bully No More (May 3rd)
- **Term Three:** Making the Impossible Possible (Aug 17th)

**Camp**
The grades 4/5/6 camp this year will be at Echuca. The camp dates are the Wednesday 27th October to Friday 29th October 2010. Further information will be sent home in term three.

**Sport**
Sport will take place on Thursday or Friday each week and Physical Education will also be timetabled on another day. It would be appreciated if students were suitably dressed with appropriate footwear to gain full advantage from these programs.

**Swimming**
Swimming will be held at the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre from 23rd August to 3rd September 2010.

**Collections**
To assist with the smooth running of the school and security and to lessen the burden on teaching and office staff, it is requested that correct money be sent for visiting artists and excursions in the mornings. Prompt return of signed notes would also greatly assist in the organisation of the school.

**Notices**
Notices are sent home on a regular basis to inform parents and sometimes to request information. Please check your child’s bag each night to ensure you are receiving all notices and assist your child to promptly return any required forms.

**Library**
Please make sure the books are cared for, as parents will be asked to pay for damaged or lost books.

**Art**
An old shirt or smock is needed to protect student’s clothes.
**Healthy Habits - No Chocolate Bars or Lollies Please**
We encourage students to bring fruit or healthy snacks for playlunch. Healthy students need nutritious food, exercise and lots of sleep. Please make sure your child goes to bed early.

**Water Bottles**
Students should have a named plastic water bottle which will be kept in the classroom and refilled as required.

**School Uniform – Labelling**
Please ensure that all pieces of clothing are labelled with student’s name and grade.

**Medication**
Parents are required to complete the Student Medication form (located in the school office) for their child to receive any medication during school hours.

**Asthma Medication**
It is very important that all children with asthma have their medication (puffer and spacer) in their bags EVERY day, even if they are not having an attack or feeling ill.

Asthma attacks can occur without warning and can be life threatening, so your child will need to have medication on hand at all times. Please remember to check the expiry dates on medications from time to time. You will also need to complete an Asthma Medication Management Plan at the beginning of the year and again if your child’s treatment changes.

**Teachers**
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*Mrs S. Klimczak*