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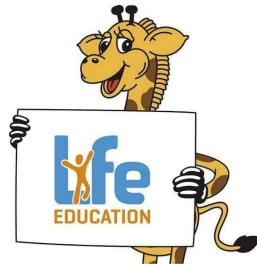
School Photos

Wednesday 8th of May is School Photo Day! This year we can order school photos online or by ordering with the slip that has been sent home. All the information for ordering online is on the form that is being sent home today. Families not able to order online will need to bring their form and money to school on the photo day (Wednesday 8th of May).



Life Ed Van

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th of May we will be having a visit from Harold and the Life Education Van. Each class will take turns in visiting the van. There will be a parent session taking place on Monday 6th of May at 9am and will go for half an hour. All are welcome. Please return permission slips by Friday 3rd of May for your child to participate.



ANZAC Service

Last Wednesday 24th April, 5 students from Mahogany Rise Primary School attended the Seaford RSL ANZAC Day service. The students laid a wreath in memory of the soldiers.



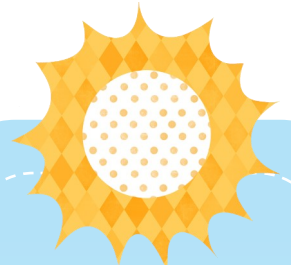
Mother's Day Stall

Next Thursday 9th May we are having a Mother's Day stall where students can purchase something for someone special. The prices start at \$1. If any parents or carers are free and would like to help out with the stall please see Shannon in the office.



Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Next Friday 10th May we are having a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea Party. They will be held in your child's classroom at 2:30pm. This afternoon tea is a thank you to a special person for everything they do throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you there!



Assembly

Our assemblies run on a fortnightly basis. They will be held on Monday afternoons at 2:30pm and it is an open invitation for parents and friends to come along.

Assembly Dates:

Week 3: 6th May
Week 5: 20th May
Week 7: 3rd June
Week 9: 17th June



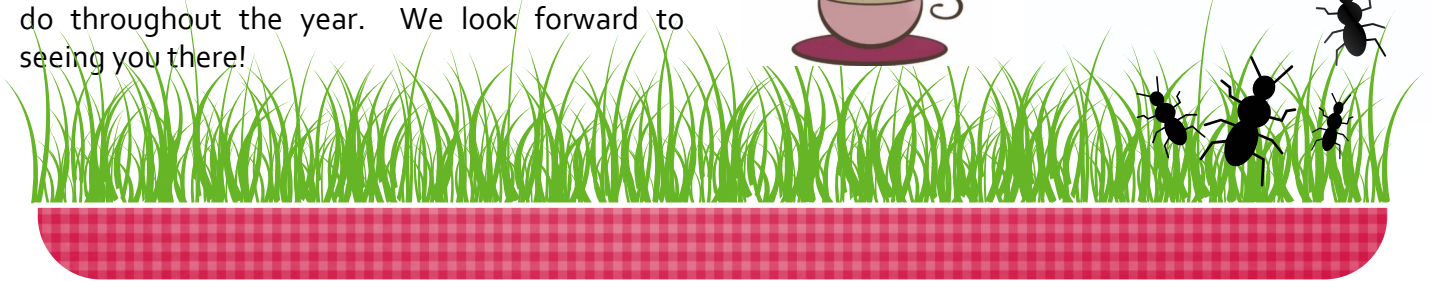
Drew (2/3C)
James (3/4D)
James (5/6F)

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From the Leading Teacher Michael Smethurst

Regular Attendance

Regular attendance at school is very important for your child's learning and social development. Of course, they may get sick and need to stay at home to get well, but other than that children need to be at school to ensure the best opportunity for learning. We want all children to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with them coming to school each and every day. If children miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day missed puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

EVERY DAY COUNTS ...

A day here or there doesn't seem like much but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Biala Peninsula *Film Night Fundraiser*

TOP END WEDDING
FROM THE MAKERS OF THE SAPPHIRES

Friday, 10th May 2019
6.45pm for a 7.15pm start at the Mornington Cinema

\$27.50 pp – incl. movie ticket, door prizes, bubbly & wedding cake

Fundraising to support Biala Peninsula resources & equipment for new programs for young children with disabilities

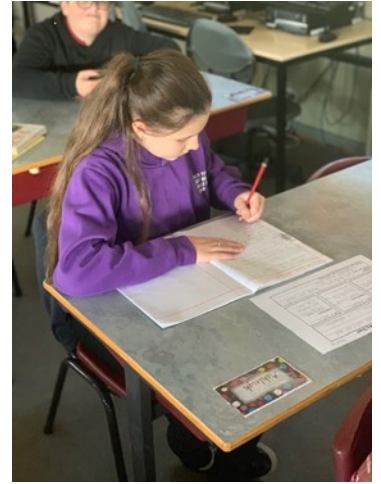
Bookings Essential – Tickets now available via Eventbrite
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/biala-peninsula-film-fundraiser-top-end-wedding-tickets-60503351152>

Enquiries: Biala Peninsula - tel. 5975 1820
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The Adventures Of 5/6F

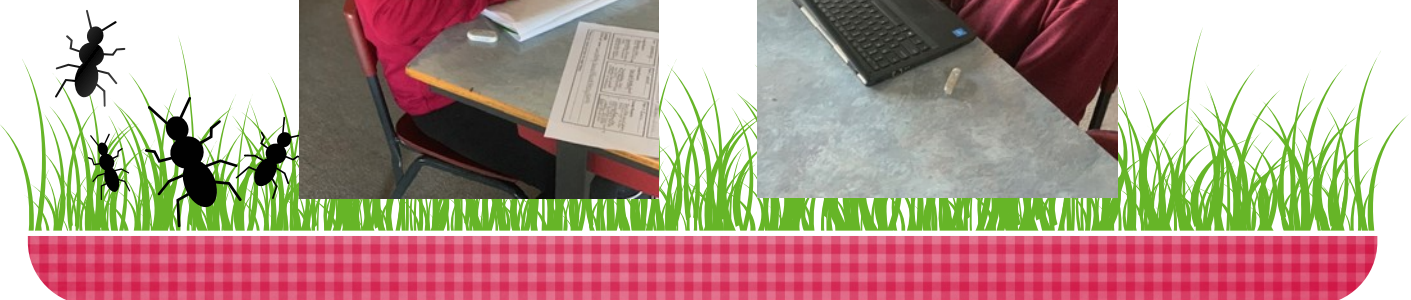
It has been a very busy start to Term Two for 5/6F students have been exploring narrative and persuasive writing, multiplication and how to be a great leader.



On returning to school from school holidays we have been investigating the importance of ANZAC day. Two of our students represented our school at the Seaford RSL ANZAC Day service, Xander P and Trent T did an outstanding job. Xander returned to school and explained to the students of 5/6F the importance of ANZAC Day and the minute of silence.

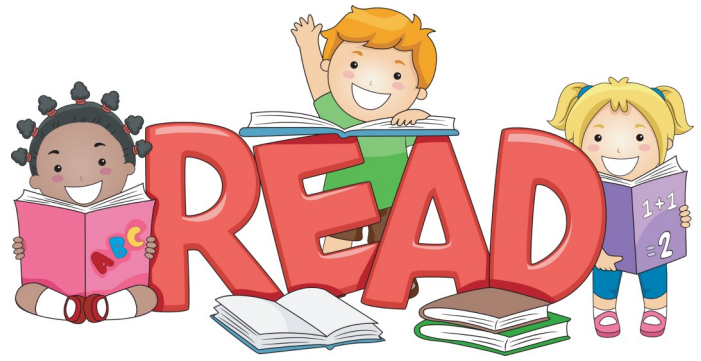


Each fortnight the grade 5/6's have the opportunity to participate in science at Monterey Secondary college. The students have shown great excitement and interest in attending Science and they are learning lots of interesting things.



Helping Kids Enjoy Reading

For many kids, reading doesn't come easily. Some kids have trouble making the connection between letters and their sounds. Other kids have not yet found a story that interests them and shows just how fun reading can be. For all kids, though, knowing letters, sounds, and words are important skills for learning throughout life. Read with your kids often, and try these other simple ways to help them become excited about reading:



Start with your child's picks. Kids are more likely to read something that interests them. For example, comics or joke books can be a fun pick for your child. A comic book can help kids understand that events take place in order because stories have a beginning, a middle, and an end. They also help build vocabulary and show that books can be fun to look at. Once your child is comfortable with reading, you can encourage other options with a variety of challenging content.

Read and reread. Many kids reach for the same books over and over again. That's not only OK, it's a good thing! Repetition helps kids learn the text and in time read it with confidence. Each new reading of the book also may help them notice something new and understand the story a little better. And that positive experience can inspire kids to try new books.

Read aloud. Reading aloud to your kids helps them build their vocabulary and introduces new facts and ideas. You also show that you enjoy reading for fun, and help them connect sounds with letters on the page. Reading aloud provides time together that you'll all enjoy.

Create opportunities to read and write beyond the pages. Provide kids with many chances to read every day. Write notes and leave them on your child's pillow, in a lunchbox, or in a pocket. Ask friends and relatives to send postcards, letters, e-mails, or text messages. Leave magnetic letters and words on the fridge, and you may find your child also creating words, sentences, and stories.

On car/bus/train trips or errands, play word games that build language skills. You might try "I Spy" ("I spy something that starts with an 'a' ...") or games where you pick a category (like "food") and everyone has to name foods that begin with a certain letter. Kids often enjoy reading the signs they see while outside (like those on restaurants and stores, plus road signs and billboards).

Sometimes electronic books (e-books) can help encourage reading. When your kid becomes interested in a book, regardless of the format, help make connections between the story and your child's life. Start conversations that build a love of reading and learning.

Get help if you're worried. If you're concerned about your child's ability or willingness to read, get help. Talk to your child's doctor or teacher. They may be able to suggest ways to help your child become an excited reader.

