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Room 3 UPDATE

NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR 4/5 CLASS AT ORANGE GROVE PRIMARY



Media Stars!

Did you see our students on the front page of the Gosnells Examiner? The children were snapped interviewing Federal IT Minister Stephen Conroy who was touring the school with our local member of Parliament Ms Sharryn Jackson.

Be sure to tune in to the Minister's interview when the children's next podcast episode is released at www.podkids.com.au.



✧ Welcome to Term 3 ✧

We have another exciting term ahead of us, with Book Week, faction athletics and (if we are lucky!) a class sleepover. Feel free to pop in at any time and be a part of the exciting things that are happening in Room 3.

NATION-BUILDERS!

This term, the Year 4/5 students are teaming up with the 5/6/7 class to establish a brand new country. The new nation will have its own Parliament and will exist for exactly one day in the last week of term. The

nation will be entirely student-run, with King Fuller and Queen Anderton only intervening in the event of a major constitutional crisis.

This project forms part of the Society and Environment learning area and is designed to help the children become active citizens. Along the way, students should



develop a good understanding of how government and laws are created in our own society.

Mr Fuller

Conference

I am privileged to have been invited to give the keynote address to the annual conference of the Victorian Association of Catholic Primary School Principals

In my speech, I will be describing the journey that our school has taken over the past few years and showcasing samples of some amazing work that students have created on their laptops.

I will be in Melbourne from the 19th - 21st August.

Mr Friday will be taking the class in my absence.





Parent-teacher interviews

I have recently placed a timetable on the front door of the classroom for parents and carers who would like to discuss their child's Semester One report. As I have already met with most parents

at least once this year, a formal interview will often not be required. However, please feel free to contact me at any time of the year if you would like to discuss your child's progress at school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 6
First healthy banquet
(please bring fruit)

AUG 11
Life Education Van
(please return notes and payment)

AUG 12 - 19
Scholastic Book Fair

AUG 19 - 21
Mr Fuller at Conference in Melbourne



HEALTHY BANQUET

To encourage the children to develop healthy eating habits, we are holding a shared morning tea every Thursday this term. Please ensure that your child brings a piece of fruit to share each Thursday. No other morning tea should be required.



SLEEPOVER

It is now a Room 3 tradition that students sleep over at school one night in third term. This is a fantastic team-building exercise and is a reward for good behaviour throughout the year.



I have pencilled in the sleepover for Friday 11 September. Parents are more than welcome to join us, but will need to let me know early so that the necessary checks and paperwork can be completed.

LEARNING FOCUS

Over coming weeks, our maths program will focus on angles and multiplication. In English, we will be reading and writing recounts. In science, we will be learning about energy, while in Health we will be learning about safe use of medicines.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn."

- Alvin Toffler