

TERM 1 WEEK 3

YELLOW HUB NEWS

We can't believe that we have already completed a very successful 2 weeks in Year 6. The children have had a very successful start to the term, meeting their buddies and helping them settle into their new life as a school student. The leadership speeches were outstanding and every child should be proud of their preparation and delivery of their speeches.

PEER SUPPORT

This term we will begin our work around Peer Support as part of the leadership program. In Term 2, the Year 6 students lead inclusion and collaboration activities with a group of students from Year 1 - 4, to further develop respectful relationships. They will also visit Sea Views Manor, the Boorai centre and local community organisations as part of their Community Service.

LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

The Year 6 students did an amazing job in preparing for their leadership speeches which happened last week. They discussed what a good leader looks like, sounds like and acts like. They all shared their wonderful character strengths to support them in their leadership roles. **We congratulate all of the children on their allocated leadership positions and look forward to them 'shining'.**

VICTORIAN GOLF OPEN EXCURSION

On Wednesday 5 February, some students nominated to go to the Victorian Golf Open at 13th Beach. They participated in golf activities and moved around parts of the course to see the very best golfers tee off and putt. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to support the day.

Here are some photos of the day:



SEA VIEWS MANOR

On Wednesday 5 February, some students nominated to go and visit the elderly at Sea Views Manor. This visit strengthened relationships with the community and another opportunity for children to develop their leadership skills. Here are some photos from the day:



I SEE I CARE

Your child has the opportunity to be an I Sea, I Care Ambassador this year. If they would like to apply they need to persuade us that they will be the best person for the job. Then their application will be considered by Ms Kerryn and Mr Anderson along with the teachers. They will need to share their passion for sustainability, interest in sea life and enjoy working with other children. As part of Home Learning this week, the children can create their application for this position. They can be creative with the way it is presented, for example a poster, video or letter.

DRESS UP DAY

As you will have read in the main newsletter, on Friday 21 February we will be having a dress up day. Students are invited to come dressed as "Someone Who Cares for Others." This could be a firefighter, nurse, lifeguard, parent, grandparent, vet, friend etc....or even themselves. We ask that children use their own money to provide a gold coin donation on the day. We will also leave a donation box in the office for anyone who wishes to contribute further. At the request of Alice in Year 6, whose grandfather lost his home in Mallacoota , a portion of this money will also go to a wildlife organisation.

If you have not read the email from Matt Hamer, Principal of St Brendan's PS, Lakes Entrance, please return to the main newsletter.

SHROVE TUESDAY



Tuesday February 25 is Shrove Tuesday. This is the day before Ash Wednesday and traditionally was the day when all sugar and flour was used up before a period of fasting began in Lent. To acknowledge this tradition, students will be making pancakes in their classes. If you are available to assist with cooking, please email your child's teacher. If you have a lemon tree and would like to donate lemons, they would be greatly appreciated.

SWIMMING

The swimming program for Year 6 will run from Tuesday 25 February until Friday 6 March. This will be for children who are at Level 3 or below and will take place at the Bellarine Aquatic Sports Centre. The children who are Level 4 and above will have an opportunity in Term 4 to participate in a one day program at Kardinia Swimming Pool. Please complete the CareMonkey to indicate which program your child will attend. **Please note that your child needs to complete one of these programs in 2020.**

CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS

Literacy:

This term in writing we will begin with a focus on Persuasive Texts. The children will be looking at the structures of a Persuasive Texts, emotive language, punctuation and language features.

Here is our first Big Write topic for this week that we encourage you to discuss at home with your children. The more the children can orally discuss their ideas around writing concepts and organise their ideas and thoughts, the greater success they will have with their writing.

**THIS WILL CHANGE
YOUR LIFE...**

You are to write a persuasive text selling the wonderful new invention that this little boy is sitting on.

You should give this seat a wonderful name and explain what it is used for. Convince the reader why this seat is the **must have, best ever, can't live without latest thing!** Your advertisement should show 3 persuasive openers and 3 emphasising connectives. Remember to give at least **3 STRONG reasons** to convince the reader why they **MUST** have it.



We will continue to focus on sustained reading and developing an enjoyment of reading. We are striving to have children think more deeply about texts, including discussing the author's purpose and critically evaluating what they read.

Maths:

The focus for Maths will be Number and Place Value. This will include concepts such as reading and writing to the millions, expanding numbers and knowing their value, ordering numbers and modelling them on a number line, skip counting and rounding numbers.

During Independent Learning, the children will begin focusing on Business and Economics to plan their business. This will be an ongoing project for the term.

Religious Education:

The focus for the beginning of the year across the school is working together in Faith, Hope and Love. We will look at ways that Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are and that together we can differences in the world. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed, changed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. This will connect to our Inquiry Unit on Civics and Citizenship.

Inquiry:

Our Inquiry Unit has a focus on Civics and Citizenship with a big question of 'Can we as part of a community make a positive change to our world?' The children will Identify an issue that they wish to solve, who is responsible for it and how they can influence others. Through research they will find out about an important issue, test their own assumptions and develop arguments that are backed by data. We are encouraging children to be active citizens who take action on issues important to them and who negotiate with those who have the power to change things.

YEAR 6 INFORMATION 2020

Please take some time to read through the Year 6 Information Booklet attached to the newsletter, to gain some insight into the various aspects of the year.

CALLING PARENT GUEST SPEAKERS

As you will be aware the school is conducting a major sustainability event called Earth Fest on Friday 20 March at Ocean Grove Park. All details are in the newsletter and on facebook "Earthfest Ocean Grove". This year the Year 6 students will be creating a photography

exhibition as part of their Arts Specialist program to display at the Earth Fest. Please see the

EARTHFEST 2020
PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

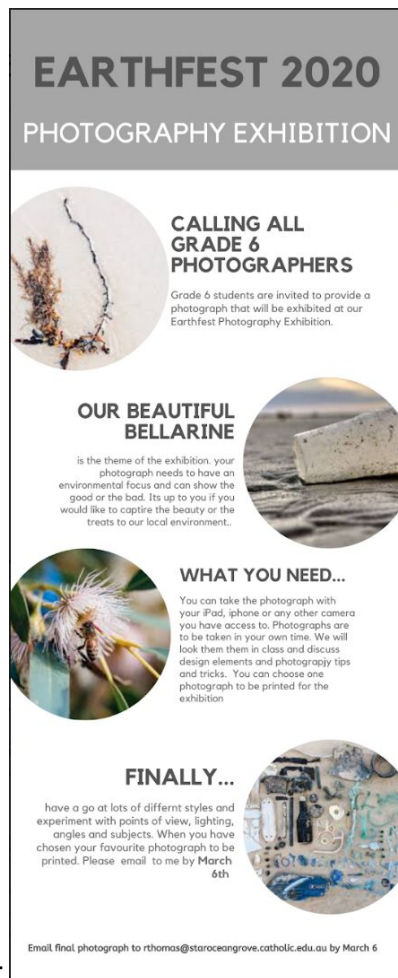
CALLING ALL GRADE 6 PHOTOGRAPHERS
Grade 6 students are invited to provide a photograph that will be exhibited at our Earthfest Photography Exhibition.

OUR BEAUTIFUL BELLARINE
is the theme of the exhibition, your photograph needs to have an environmental focus and can show the good or the bad. Its up to you if you would like to capture the beauty or the treats to our local environment.

WHAT YOU NEED...
You can take the photograph with your iPad, iPhone or any other camera you have access to. Photographs are to be taken in your own time. We will look them them in class and discuss design elements and photography tips and tricks. You can choose one photograph to be printed for the exhibition.

FINALLY...
have a go at lots of different styles and experiment with points of view, lighting, angles and subjects. When you have chosen your favourite photograph to be printed. Please email to me by March 6th

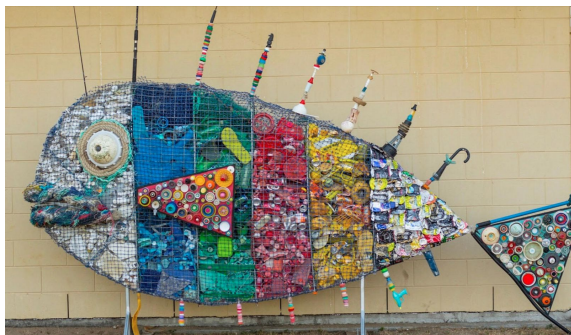
Email final photograph to rthomas@staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au by March 6



information below:

They will also be making recycled bags to sell.

We are hoping to make a hub art installation from recycled materials, similar to the one below. If you have any lids or recycled materials in the colours red, pink, yellow, white, blue or squashable aluminium cans please send them in your classroom. Also, if you have any wire coat hangers that we can use for the frame, please send them in too.



We wish to combine this idea with our Term 1 Business and Economics unit, where students plan and design their own businesses. We are looking for any parents, who might already have a sustainability slant on their own business or work place, to be a guest speaker in Yellow Hub. If you are interested, please contact your child's teacher, or Miss Marnie.

The children will be presenting their business in the last week of school, please keep an eye out for more information.

ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

It is imperative that you notify the school if your child is absent. We ask you to do this via email, before the school day starts, to avoid being contacted by the school.

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PERSONAL HYGIENE

Finally, as the sun is shining and the students are maturing, it is important that they are on top of their personal hygiene. Please support us in talking with your child about the importance of regular showering and the use of deodorant.

Visits to Sea Views Manor

Today we went to Sea Views Manor and we interviewed the elderly people. Glenn was our host and he introduced us to some of the residents and paired one resident with two. I was with Chloe.

I spoke to three people the last one I spoke to didn't talk but her son was answering for her. I thought it was really nice because the lady, Mary, was 93 and she was sitting next to her husband who was 99 and their son and their daughter in law were helping them and they were all staying together.

They were super nice and I enjoyed hearing about their life. Mary was at school during the war and she grew up in Adelaide. Her favourite subject was sport and her hobbies were horse riding and sewing.



Today we went to Sea Views Manor. We went and interviewed some elderly people about their lives and this man said that he was in the Commonwealth bike race. I thought it was cool and I asked some questions and he said that school was good and said that his grandchildren are at Star of the sea.

Some did not know the questions but that's ok.

It was pretty much asking questions. It was lots of fun meeting them all.

