

# Senior Syndicate

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*Term Three*  
**NEWSLETTER**  
*2011*

# Thank You

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- *Thank you so much to all of the parents who came in to see their child's teacher for parent interviews. We really appreciate you making this effort and we love the opportunity to celebrate student progress and to strategize for their future learning, together.*
- *We are frequently emailing parents with one request or another, and it continues to amaze and impress us with the way that parents will give up their time to come and assist us. Thank you for your help, without you we couldn't do all of the fantastic things that we do.*
- *A special thank you to the Class Parents -you are just wonderful and your continued support is so appreciated.*

# Cross Country

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- *The kids have been training hard for the cross country which (fingers crossed about the weather) will be held on Thursday 11th August.*
- *The seniors will walk down at 10.30am and then hope to begin racing by midday and back to school afterwards.*
- *A special commendation to those children who attend Running Club each Wednesday morning, your determination and effort is admired!*

# Speeches

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- *During Week 3 each child will be presenting their speech to their class, and class teachers will then select a finalist.*
- *The VAS Speech competition will be held on Friday 19th August.*
- *Good luck to all participants!!*

# Art Extravaganza

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- *Wow! - this looks set to be an amazing event yet again! There is a diverse range of artworks to be shared in the VAS Hall during week three, and will be an event you won't want to miss!*
- *Thanks to the children and teachers for the exceptional effort with all of this.*

# VAS Ripper Rugby

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- *Look out Week 4...there will be some new countries in our senior syndicate!*
- *We are really looking forward to the Ripper Rugby Competition which Miss Whittington has organised for us.*
- *Room 1 = South Africa*
- *Room 2 = Australia*
- *Room 3 = Wales*
- *Room 4 = France*
- *Room 5 = Georgia*
- *Room 6 = Japan*

# Reading

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- *Please continue to encourage your child to read every night, and also try to provide them with opportunities to read a variety of text types, especially non-fiction.*
- *Never under-estimate the power of reading **to** your child. There is nothing quite like being tucked up in bed with mum or dad reading expressively to a child to reaffirm to a child that reading is fun pass-time. It is also a special time to share with your children, and even though they are seniors, they still love it! Ask your child's teacher if you want any help with selecting good read-aloud books.*
- *Children who are on Raz Reading (a computer programme) must go on this site daily to gain the optimum benefits from this programme. If your child is a Raz Reader, please ensure that this is happening, your support is appreciated.*

# IBL

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- *Starting Week 5, we will be focusing on “EVERYDAY HEROES” and will be researching and presenting information about historical figures who became an everyday hero for their contributions or achievements. During ICT, the children will be learning the skills to use iMovie successfully so that they can create a movie all about their chosen famous person. As part of making the movie, the children will dress up as their person and take part in a mock-interview about why and how they are famous. Hopefully this will be a lot of fun for both students, staff and parents!*

# Communication

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- *Please remember that we are all here to teach your child the best way we can, we value the triadic relationship we have with the children and yourselves.*
- *Please do not hesitate to make a time to meet with your child's teacher should you have any concerns whatsoever. It is always better to meet early before an issue becomes a problem.*
- *You are always welcome to come and see us!*