

Dear Parents and Community Members,

As the first full week of 2019 ends we are starting to settle down now into our routines and most things are beginning to take the shape that they will have through the rest of this year. I am very pleased indeed to see how well the children are settling in and how few issues there have been in class and in the yard. Well done to all our students for this great effort!

From time to time I come across articles which I find interesting and want to share with you. This week I am sending home an article which I saw last year about children lying. I am sharing this with you now as it is something that as parents we all struggle to accept (when it comes to our own kids!) and I hope that you will find it useful in the future. I'm sending it this week because we haven't had any issues at all this week so there is genuinely no hidden agenda at all!

Also coming out this week is the first issue of Book club. We only do book club once per term so if you want anything now's the time to jump in. Please have your orders in in a couple of weeks' time – there will be a reminder in the newsletter when it's due.

Looking ahead, you will see that the diary is very busy for the next few weeks, and there are a number of things that I want to highlight further ahead this term.

First, the division Swimming Sports will be held on Friday 8 March. This is something that you can enter your child into if you wish, but you would need to get them to and from the pool yourself. Entries are due for the swimming by Friday 22 February and the conditions of entry have changed this year so if you are interested please let me know.

At the end of February the grade 5 children will be invited to take part in the 2 day costumed school program at Sovereign Hill. Permission forms will come out nearer the time.

Also this term we will have the Life Education van visiting us in march and you will be asked to sign a permission form for that. Our Friday afternoon sport sessions are full up this term with four sessions of Orienteering, the district Cross Country competition and some sessions of Lacrosse. I think that it is really important to expose the kids to as many new experiences as possible and I hope that they all get something out of these opportunities.

In the last week of term we are having an African Dance / Drumming incursion which will take place over a whole day and will finish with a community performance. We will be inviting children from other schools to join us for that day and are looking forward to it a lot.

Finally, please note that the Tuesday after Labour day will be a PUPIL FREE DAY. Teachers will be joining with other schools to do some learning about teaching maths. That means that there is no school on Monday 11th March OR Tuesday 12th March.

Have a great weekend, Arthur Lane