

Dear Parents and Community Members,

As a cold and wintry week two comes to a close we are just settling in to the routine of being back at school again. As if to show us how silly that is we are about to start a few weeks with loads of interruptions and coming and goings.

This week the Grade 5 and 6 children completed their Preparation for Puberty education with Cynthia. This can be a bit confronting for some children and for others can raise questions which they need an answer to. I would encourage you to take this opportunity to have a chat with your kids if they need you to help unpack what they have learned this week and last week. If children have more questions they are welcome to write then down and I will email them to Cynthia and pass on her replies - either privately or anonymously to the group.

We enjoyed another chance to play lacrosse with the irrepressible Tasi on Wednesday afternoon and he will be back twice more this term. Don't forget that if your child is interested in Lacrosse Tasi runs an after-school program including club competitions and is always looking for new players. Please let me know if this is of interest and I will put you in touch with him.

This morning L/Snr Constable Des Hudson came in to talk to the grade 3-6 children about cyber safety. We found out that the 4 biggest communities in the world are (in this order) Facebook, China, India and Youtube. Des had some very good advice for the kids and put his message very well.

Tomorrow night the Parents' Club are running the Op Shop ball at the Warrenheip Hall. \$25 entry on the door and wear your Op Shop finest. I hope to see you there!

On Monday the children in grades 3 - 6 will be out for the last Bulldogs Read excursion. There's an Author visit, roadshow and prize giving, and a footy clinic with the inflatables. The forecast is good so it should be a great day!

On Tuesday morning the 5 Somers campers are off for the camp of a lifetime – I hope that they have a great time and look forward to hearing about it when they return.

This week I am sending home the permission forms for the Grade 2 Sovereign Hill Costumed School day. Please return the forms as soon as possible. This is a cluster activity with a number of other schools and we need to pass on the forms to them.

Also included is a request for assistance from the Grade 5/6 children. They would like any available parent to come along to help build a Ga Ga pit at school. We are hoping that we will have the posts in the ground before the first date on the flyer, in which case we will probably only need the one day. Just in case that doesn't work out, does anyone own a post hole digger? Please get in touch to let me know!

Have a great weekend, Arthur Lane