

# NEWS

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THE

5/6<sup>s</sup>

WOW!

## Literacy

We have been reading a variety of information reports, particularly about unusual animals. Students have examined and reflected upon the use of features such as sub-headings, paragraphs and the use of 'neutral' white space that help these non-fiction texts be organized and easy to understand.

During Writing Workshops, students have been conducting research on the internet about an unusual animal of their choice, recording their information in their own words on a grid format. The importance of cross-checking multiple sources of information has been a focus, as well as categorizing information found. Students have begun drafting their own information reports based on their research.

## Mathematics

In the first week back, students expanded their knowledge of decimals. We have explored placing numbers on number lines with unusual starting points, have used interactive websites to solidify our understanding of tenths and hundredths and how they relate to one another and have tested our knowledge with some competitive games using dice.

In Week 2, we put aside the decimals and focused on graphs. We have explored a range of graphs containing information about topics such as the AFL, increasing trends in electronic media use and even game play of Mario-Kart. Students have answered questions, not just finding data values, but making and justifying opinions based on what they see on each graph.

## Diaries

Reminder for students to bring diaries to school daily to support communication between parents, teachers and students and to help students stay organized with upcoming events.

## SEDA Basketball Clinic

The Hall was abuzz with basketball action on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July. We were fortunate enough to have a large group of young coaches from SEDA come and work with all of our Grade 5/6 students on their basketball skills. In groups of about 6, students were dribbling, shooting, weaving, defending and passing in mini-workshops run by a few coaches each. The 90 minute session was finished off with some 3 on 3 competitive action.

We are eagerly looking forward to having a second day with the SEDA coaches on 31<sup>st</sup> August. A big thank you to Mrs. Wilkins for organising this event.

## Coming Up:

Puberty Education (Grade 6 only), Thursdays, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> August and 9<sup>th</sup> August.

Girls Footy 'GALA DAY' 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Matinee performance of 'Hair Spray' at Heathmont College 30<sup>th</sup> August.

SEDA basketball clinics 31<sup>st</sup> August

## Specialist

In P.E, we have been fortunate enough to have AFLW premiership (Adelaide Crows) and VFLW (Hawthorn) player Sarah Perkins as a guest coach, taking the girls through a series of footy skills. Sarah has been heavily involved with the football within the school so far and will coach the girls' team at 'GALA DAY' which is quite exciting.



Thanks to Jasmine Hines, Michigan State University for assisting in the All-Star selections for 5/6 Hoop-Time.



CONGRATULATIONS to our successful mixed soccer team who were undefeated in the inter-school competition. An excellent effort! They competed at Division today winning the first game 1-0 and going down 4-2 in the second game! A wonderful effort!