Welcome back to Term 3! We hope that everyone had a fantastic and restful break. Term 3 is once again looking like another busy term for the Senior School with a range of events and activities taking place to satisfy the many interests and needs of our students.

**Solve a Problem!**

This term, the students will be taking part in a Design, Creativity and Technology Inquiry project. The students will go through the 7 steps of the design process to solve a problem for a client of their choice. Their client may be a parent, neighbour, teacher, friend or even coach! The design process the students follow involves the following steps:

1. Define the problem
2. Do your research
3. Develop possible solutions
4. Design your solution
5. Build a prototype
6. Test the prototype
7. Evaluate the solution.

The students will be presenting their projects in late term 3 and parents will be invited to come along. Stay tuned for the date!

**Important dates this term**

*Tuesday, 19th July:* House Athletics  
*Wednesday, 20th July:* State School Spectacular rehearsal  
*Thursday, 28th July:* Wakakirri full dress rehearsal  
*Tuesday, 9th August:* Wakakirri heat performance  
*Wednesday, 10th August:* State School Spectacular rehearsal  
*Tuesday, 30th August:* District Athletics  
*Wednesday, 8th Sept:* State School Spec full dress rehearsal  
*Saturday, 10th Sept:* State School Spectacular performance  
*Wednesday, 14th Sept:* Senior Hoop time  
*Friday, 16th Sept:* Term 3 ends (2:30 finish)

**Literacy**

Term 3 will see students continue to develop their independent writing skills using Writers’ Notebooks and Toolkits to aid them in developing and extending their ideas. This term we will be focusing further on the procedural and information texts to link into our Design, Creativity and Technology unit. Students will continue to practise and deepen their understanding of a range of texts through guided and shared reading experiences. This will enable all students to further their competency in using the six comprehension strategies; questioning, thinking aloud, visualising, text structure, predicting and summarising. They will work in small skill-based groups to develop their areas of need. Throughout the term students will focus on making predictions and sharing their thinking aloud.

**Numeracy**

In Term 3, students will be supported to discover and explore strategies to solve open-ended problems in different ways, and make connections between their learning in the classroom and using maths in everyday life. Targeted maths groups will support classroom learning, and areas of focus will include:

- Measurement (Time)
- Money and Financial Mathematics
- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- 2D and 3D shape

**Rotations**

Rotations will continue this term with a new range of subjects. This day provides students the opportunity to learn from a range of teachers, giving them an insight to Secondary School. The five rotations will continue to take place on Tuesday.

- **Physical Science - forces (Science):** Mrs Kitching  
- **The Olympic Games (Personal Development):** Mr Dixon  
- **Coding (ICT):** Mr Den Elzen  
- **South Korea (Studies of Asia):** Miss Fraser  
- **We Are Australians (Literacy):** Mr Slater
Homework
Set homework will continue this term and can always be found on the Senior School site:

It is an expectation that all students complete all tasks each week. Those who do not complete their work will be required to do so on Monday lunchtimes under the supervision of a teacher. In the senior school, homework allows you to see what is happening at school and gives you the chance to talk with your child about how they are going at school. It also requires your child to think about their time management in preparation for Secondary School, where the requirement to complete many homework tasks will be placed upon them.

iPads
Last year we found that most of the damage and ‘accidents’ occurred to iPads in the second part of the year as students became more complacent about their device. Now could be a good time to discuss with your child about how to care for their iPad.

- Please ensure that the iPads are charged and ready for school each day
- The floor is not a good place to leave iPads
- Ensure Apps are updated regularly
- No messaging apps
- Return home screen and lock screen to the owner’s photo

Wakakirri
After many weeks of practising, our final dress rehearsal and heat performance are nearly here!

Just a reminder that the full dress rehearsal is on Thursday 28th July at Norwood Secondary College. All Wakakirri participants are expected to be there at 6.30pm. Audience members who are coming to watch need to be there at 7.30pm. The evening should conclude just after 8pm. All attending will require a gold coin donation. All transport for this event is to be organised by students and their families.

The Heat Performance is Tuesday 9th August at Frankston Arts Centre. Students will leave school, via bus, at 10.30am. They need to bring lunch but dinner will be provided. Students will return home from the venue with their parents. If parents are not attending the performance they will need to arrange for someone to bring their child home from the venue after the performance (usually about 9.15pm).

Senior School Camping Program
The Year 5 and Year 6 camps will both run from Monday the 7th November until Friday the 11th November.

Year 5 Coonawarra Adventure Camp
We are currently organising staffing for Year 5 Camp and would like to offer parents the opportunity to assist. We require a number of parents who would love to spend a week in sunny Gippsland working with the kids. All activities are well-supervised by qualified staff supplied by the camp. Parent helpers are there to support, motivate and encourage the kids to have a go at horse riding, flying fox, ropes courses and other fun activities. If you are interested please contact your child’s teacher for an application form.

Year 6 Canberra Tour
Thank you to all parents who have finalised the initial payment (deposit of $100) for Year 6 Camp. Please ensure payment instalments are made throughout the term; if you are yet to make the first payment this needs to be paid as soon as possible to lock in your child’s place on the tour and allow us to plan the trip appropriately. An expression of interest form is on Compass If you are interested in volunteering as a parent helper on the tour. Please be advised that there is always plenty of interest in volunteering but only a few parent helpers are able to attend the tour.

Senior HoopTime
Our HoopTime date has now been confirmed for Wednesday, 14th of September. Please make sure that your child’s forms are returned ASAP. We will also require helpers for scoring, team managing, coaching and washing uniforms. Please let Mr Den Elzen know if you are able to contribute on the day.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge
There is still time for students to join the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. You have until the end of August to enter your booking online. Happy reading!

Transition
We are currently finalising Secondary School placements for our Year 6 students. Parents will be notified of the results of the placement applications on Tuesday August 10th. Thank you for your ongoing patience and support of the transition process. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Kali Fraser at fraser.kali@edumail.vic.gov.au.
Performing Arts

Classroom music: During Term 3 students will continue to create music using their voices, ukuleles, xylophones, untuned percussion, boomwhackers, iPads and steel drums. They will continue to learn the RedED dance routines, play games, listen to and discuss various styles of music as well as consolidate reading notation. John Gerrard will be taking music classes, choir and assisting with Rock Band for the term.

State Schools Spectacular: The first of our four massed choir rehearsals took place at the Melbourne Town Hall yesterday. The children have had their C.D.’s and music to practice at home for a few weeks now and should be ready to rehearse with the 1000 singers.

Kathryn Lane

Physical Education

This term the focus is on Athletics. The House Athletics was yesterday on a bigger and newer venue at the Mount Evelyn Athletics track. The District Athletics will be held on Tuesday 30th August at the Bill Sewart Athletic Track in East Burwood. Results from the House Athletics Sports and trials during PE and lunchtimes will be used to determine the teams. Students will be participating in all the field events during their PE lessons, learning the fundamentals of each activity. These include High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Discus, Hurdles, Tunnel Ball, Crossball and Relay running.

Noreen McMenaman

Indonesian

In Term 3, our Indonesian topic will be “Around the town”, looking at the local area and how we use our community space. We will also look at a short film of life in a village in Indonesia and compare buildings, activities and forms of transport. At this level, students build on language they have already used to read, write and talk about the new topic. The Languages online app is great for practice at home. There is a new free app called “Rasa Bahasa” which is also great for practice of vocabulary and pronunciation. If students are able to download this they will find it very useful.

Libby Browning

Visual Arts

Senior students will be exploring printmaking, mixed media, painting and drawing this term. Based on the Rio Summer Olympics held in August, students will explore the animals that can be found in the Amazon for their mixed media creation. Senior students will also explore Rio’s famous Carnival festival and develop a mask using a variety of materials to create a colourful, individual and perhaps flamboyant mask of their own. We will also explore the world of Surrealism, using dreams and the ‘unreal’ to develop our own surreal landscapes.

Year 6 Graduation Project

This is the 6th year the project has been running and the year 6 students will start their Graduation Project this term, which will be unveiled at Graduation.

Claudia Michielin
Looking back on Term 2

What a successful term! It’s amazing to think that we managed to squeeze so many amazing things into one term. Stage Struck, ANZAC Day, Open Night, School Fair, Wakakirri Rehearsals, Night of Notables and we even managed to fit in some Maths and English! Check out some of the wonderful photos we took during some of these events.