Dear Parents,

Welcome to Week 6. I can’t believe we’re already halfway through the term. I’ve been very pleased to see the Year 6 students continuing to build on the great start they made at the beginning of the year. They are rising to the challenges of this year. Tom and Matilda are taking on something different at the moment with their visit to Fiji, and we look forward to hearing all about it when they return. We had a great time with our lawn bowls in Week 4 and we really appreciate all the time and effort put in by the volunteers at the Hahndorf Bowling Club. Several students also represented the school in the Courier Cup last week. Well done to Cerys, Kate and Brock J, who took part and achieved some great results.

There are more exciting times ahead with our aquatics day coming up on 20th March. Students will have an opportunity to take part in canoeing, sailing and surfing. We also have an excursion to the Mount Barker Council Chambers on 14th March, where we will hear from a town planner about the implications of new developments in Mount Barker and we will visit some of the significant sites. This is a wonderful opportunity, given that this is such a topical issue and it has had such prominence in our media over the past week.

We enjoyed Shrove Tuesday with our buddies and the pancakes were delicious – thanks again to Donna Rayner and Melissa Riches for being our chefs on the day. It was certainly more efficient than the previous year when I did the cooking. Thanks also to Robyn Wuttke for once again coming in to help us out in the classroom.

In our last newsletter I mentioned a new student, Jioia, would be joining us from South Korea. She arrives today and she will be with us for four weeks. Her father, Hwang, is a sculptor, visiting Australia to take part in the Adelaide Hills International Sculpture Symposium at the Cedars in Hahndorf. We are delighted to have Jioia with us and we wish her all the best for her time in Australia.

P.T.O.
Curriculum
Here are some topics we are working on at the moment:

Unit of Inquiry – We finished our unit on choices and we have now started looking at our next unit which is based on the central idea Urban development brings change to communities and the environment, which is part of the transdisciplinary theme How we organise ourselves.

Maths – We have moved from looking at patterns to working with algebra and solving algebraic equations. I’ve been most impressed at how the students have worked in this area and the understanding they have shown.

Language – We have continued working on persuasive texts in our reading and writing work. We have also been looking at clauses and their essential elements.

Christian Studies – Our unit on human relationships has continued and we have moved on to looking at people we admire, their talents and the contributions they make to their communities.

Verse to Remember:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end.

Lamentations 3:22

Notes
If your child can help with road crossing this term we would greatly appreciate this. Please fill in and return a permission slip as soon as possible. Thanks.

Have a great week.

Andrew Boesch