Welcome
Welcome to “Pentaga-News” - the newsletter of the Year 5 classroom.
We plan to send these home on a regular basis giving you the chance to have an insight into the exciting world that is the Year 5 class of 2015.

It is planned that future editions will contain a majority of student generated content to give a more personalized ‘feel’ to the news.

(Oh and if you are wondering about the title—well we have ‘taken on board’ Mr. Leed’s reminiscences of the name of his newsletter from the Year 5 world from a long, long time ago where the prefix ‘pent’ (5) was used in the then newsletter —“Penta-Mag”).

What have we been doing?
The year 5 class has had a very busy time at school. We have been busily working at a variety of things across the curriculum.

Some highlights are:

English: working on our public speaking, reading to an audience, improving our spelling and creating exciting stories that ‘hook’ the reader.

Maths: converting between measurement units, times tables, recording money transactions, using tools such as protractors.

Science: working on recycling initiatives, making crystals, looking at how things transform.

Humanities: Using atlases, following directions, investigating explorers and convict life.

LOTE: practising presenting poetry, learning new German words

ART: Constructing Rainsticks

TECH: various textiles activities, making pull toys, pencil holders

P.E. / Sport: Gymnastics, Run to Canberra

"Whether you think you can, or you think you can’t — you are right”
- Henry Ford

Contact:
As the class teacher for your child, I ask that you please feel free to make contact with me in regards to any issues or concerns you may have about your child’s education.

I am also more than happy to pass on any positive feedback to staff or students that you may wish to provide.

Please feel free to arrange a time to speak to me in person during school hours by contacting the College Office on

03 54 368 300.

In order to make communication as convenient and efficient as possible I ask that you please send me an initial email to

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in order for me to ensure that I have your correct email address and can use it for distribution of information such as newsletters and the like.

Thank You
Phil Kidman
Timetable

Whilst the timetable has to change from time to time we are 99.94% sure that this will be our running timetable for term 3.

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Room 14—The Place to Be:

If you have not already done so we encourage you to pop into our homeroom, Room 14, for a visit. We are pretty confident that you will see a classroom that is fairly different than ones you would have been used to back in the days of your school life. Mr. K. has many memories of having to spend all day on uncomfortable furniture in boring, colourless rooms and how that makes staying interested, and learning so much harder. He doesn’t want us to have to put up with the same thing.

Yes we still have tables and chairs but we also have a room that looks a bit like Harvey Norman. We have couches and beanbags (pretty much for everyone to use at once with a little sharing) that we can use for all sorts of activities. We have a blackboard wall that gives some writing hints and the walls are painted a refreshing yellow. Added to that we have the chance to bring in posters (that are appropriate on a school setting) to decorate the windows in a ‘student display section’. Simply put Room 14 is a great place to be!

Homework

Just a reminder that our main homework regime consists of four main elements.

1. Regular home reading of a variety of text types.
2. Mathsmates worksheets
3. Soundwaves literacy workbook.
4. Spelling wordlist

There will also be a variety of homework tasks ‘pop up’ as various times in different subject areas.

Spelling tests and Mathsmate correction is planned for each Friday. Sound waves books are also used in certain class lessons.

It is important to note that I appreciate that sometimes homework tasks can’t be completed for a variety of understandable and genuine reasons, if that is the case please let me know and I can adjust ant timeline requirements accordingly.

Year 5’s leading the way

The responsibility skills of the Year 5’s are well known throughout East Loddon College.

As a result we are regularly entrusted with a range of tasks that require mature workers, good thinkers and great team players.

We have two wonderful examples of this underway at the moment—Flag monitors & recycling ambassadors.

Each day two students raise and lower the national flag at the front of the school. We feel this is important to highlight our respect for the national flag, but also to display our pride at being Australian.

We have been chosen to lead initiatives that increase the school’s efficiency when using different ways of recycling and conserving energy.

We have started planning some activities which will have a big effect on reducing the amount of waste at the school in areas such as paper and electricity use and start a mulch program so we have less food waste going into the bin.

“I was away” work

Whilst we aim for students to attend school as often as possible, it is understood that “life gets in the way” and there will be times that they may have to miss time due to illness, injury or family reasons.

On these days any specific work covered at school will be placed in the ‘I was away’ box in the classroom. Please remind your child of the need to check for any work, notes, newsletters or similar after an absence.