WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3!

We hope that you enjoyed the school holidays and are ready for our very exciting and busy term.

Camp Anglesea

We started off Term Three with an amazing week at YMCA Recreation Camp in Anglesea. All teachers, parents and 107 students had such a fantastic time and challenged themselves through a range of activities such as the Vertical Challenge, Canoeing, Surfing and even some Lip Syncing. We hope that your child has filled you in on all of the highlights from their week as there are way too many for us to put down in writing.

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iPads:

Students need to be taking their iPads home on occasions when they need to be charged to ensure they are ready to use in the classroom.

RESILIENCE PROJECT

All classes at GIPS have been working on developing their resilience with a focus on gratitude, mindfulness and empathy. We have been recording moments throughout the day that we are grateful for in our journals ('dismoments') and participating in different activities to help us become more mindful. Classrooms have Gratitude displays up celebrating special moments and if would be great if you could help your child find items to bring in and share.

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A FEW REMINDERS:

CONCERT REHEARSALS:

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Important Dates

25/7 - CERES Incursion
25/7 & 26/7 - Three Way Conferences
27/7 - Curriculum Day (No students at school)
2/8, 9/8 & 16/8 - Mrs Purple Public Speaking
12/8 - House Athletics
26/8 - Father’s Day Stall
13/9 - French Day
16/9 - End of Term Three

Weekly Tasks:

Monday - Diaries due
Monday - Literature Circle roles due
Wednesday - Homework Tasks due

INTEGRATED TOPIC:

This term our topic is ‘Earth Alert’ with a focus on renewable energies and sustainability.

We will be hosting a ‘Sustainability Expo’ near the end of term for us to share with the community what we have learnt.

Mrs Purple:

We are all looking forward to our upcoming public speaking program with Mrs Purple where we will learn strategies to speak effectively in front of an audience. Each class will have three sessions with Mrs Purple to develop these skills.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Shanae Hill, Christine Hallam, Amy Kopciewicz, Emily Choo
and Lyndsey Cullen

Grade 5/6 Teachers