



Dear Parents,

We have had a very busy start to the year and we can't believe that it is already October! The children have settled into their school routines and the class is running smoothly. It is a small but very active group and they work well together and support each other in so many small, but important ways. We are having a lot of fun together. 😊 Sharing in the fun is our student teacher, Mrs Bassett, who will be starting a full time 8 week teaching load this week in Grade 7.

By now, you will have heard that the Northern Spirit soccer tournament is being held in Terrace at the end of the school year. We will be having a Grade 7 parent meeting to share information with you in the near future. We will be discussing fund-raising activities as well, so if you have any brilliant ideas, please bring them along to the meeting.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to walk with us to Shane Lake on October 6th. We will arrange to have teachers and parent volunteers to be driven back to IC at the end of the day.

Our annual Halloween Dress Up Day will be on the 31st October at school and the Grade 7's will be organizing a variety of games for the children in the gym.

I appreciate all of the parents who have approached me with questions, queries and concerns this month, about their child's school life. It's been so good to have such clear communication with our families and such a positive start to the year.

REMINDERS

- Please return all signed permission slips and forms as soon as possible.
- Students should be reading regularly for 15 - 30 minutes per night. This is a habit that should be well-established by the time students enter Grade 8.
- Please sign the homework planners every day. Students are encouraged to use their planners as organizational tools, noting any homework tasks, reminders and work

due. They are also useful for communication between home and school. In Grade 8 their planners will be an indispensable organizational tool, as they learn to be in the right place at the right time. 😊

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Math - We have completed our math testing and are starting a measurement unit on circumference and the area of a circle. Students will learn how to use formulas and pi to calculate approximate distances.

Reading - Our novel study this term is "The Giver" and students will be doing a close reading of the text, including vocabulary practice, comprehension activities and discussion questions.

Writing - We are starting to write short stories this month, using a narrative pyramid structure. Students will be brainstorming ideas, drafting their stories, peer-editing and publishing their work.

Art/ADST - We are studying the 'Pop Art' movement and producing our own original designs. We will also be learning about Rube Goldberg Machines and exploring chain reactions as we create our own machines.

Christian Education - Students are working on a whole class project on the lives of saints. Working with a partner, they choose to research a saint and present their findings to the class on a poster.

Social Studies - Working with a small group, students are engaged in an Inquiry Research Project on individual ancient societies and will be starting their presentations after Thanksgiving.

Science - The topic for Term 1 is Food Chemistry. Students will be introduced to the chemical properties of food and how physical and chemical changes affect what we eat.

Careers - Students will learn about developing leadership and entrepreneurial skills through collaborative activities in the school and community including a class hike to Shane Lake, and fund-raising activities.

Health - In Term 1 we examine a variety of issues and decisions about personal health, (including physical activity, healthy eating practices, relationships, bullying and discrimination, sleep, hygiene and substance abuse) and examining how media and peer influences can affect their decision-making.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

October 1 - Kodiak cross-country race @ 3pm

October 9 - 17 - FSA assessment week

October 13 - Thanksgiving - no classes
October 14 - Social Studies presentations start
October 15 - Rosary Assembly @ 10.45am
October 20 - Huble Homestead visit @ 12.30pm
October 23 - Parent/Teacher interviews (5.30-8.30pm)
October 24 - Parent Teacher interviews (0830-12pm)
October 31 - Halloween Dress-up Day

We hope to see you around the school! 😊

Jean Garcia