

5/6 Newsletter

Term 3 2015

Welcome Back!

We would like to warmly welcome all families back after a wonderful break. We hope that everyone is energized and ready to take on Semester 2. We have an action packed Term 3 that includes: House Athletics, MASH public speaking contest, Science Incursion and Tony Bones.

Inquiry Term 3

What is it made of and how does it behave?

Understandings:

- Everything is made of chemicals. They can be naturally occurring or manufactured
- Scientists use a process to investigate
- Scientific understandings are used to solve problems that directly affect people's lives

If you have any expertise in Chemical Science and you would like to help out in anyway (presentation to the students, resources, information, etc), please contact your child's teacher.

Cybersafety



Roberts McCubbin is an eSmart school and treats the education of staying safe online very seriously. Any incidences that are reported or discovered are dealt with in accordance of our Acceptable Use Agreements. In the 5/6 area we discuss cyber issues regularly and provide scenarios of what the students

should do if they feel they are unsafe online. Kidproof have provided very informative and interesting sessions with our students and information can be found on their website. If you have any questions or concerns relating to cybersafety or how to handle any online situation, please contact your child's teacher.

KidsMatter



Roberts McCubbin is continuing its journey of implementing the national KidsMatter Primary Framework. We are moving onto the second stage of the framework 'Knowing me, knowing you and getting along too'. This is a flexible, whole-school approach to improving children's mental health and wellbeing in primary schools. All teachers will be timetabling KidsMatter sessions throughout the week.

School is the most significant developmental context, after family, for primary school-aged children. Schools play a crucial role in building children's self-esteem and sense of competence. They can also act as a safety net and assist in protecting children from circumstances that affect their learning, development and wellbeing.

Schools, working closely with families and the community, are key environments for comprehensively supporting children's mental health and wellbeing through the additional support the framework provides.

If you would like more information please speak to your class teacher or visit the KidsMatter site <https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families>

MASH Speaking Contest

The Rotary Club of Mont Albert and Surrey Hills are hosting the Eleventh Rotary Primary Schools Speech Contest. Each student will produce a speech to the following criteria:

- ❖ The speech needs to be on one of the topics provided
- ❖ Length of the speech needs to be between 2min 30s – 3mins 30s.

- ❖ Speech needs to have an opening/introduction, a body and a conclusion
- ❖ Criteria for speeches include the content (the ideas and arguments) and the presentation (use of voice, body language and facial expression).
- ❖ Props *may* be used to enhance the speech

Roberts McCubbin will send the top two students to compete in the finals which will be held on Tuesday 11th August 2015 commencing at 7pm at Chatham Primary School in Weybridge St, Surrey Hills.

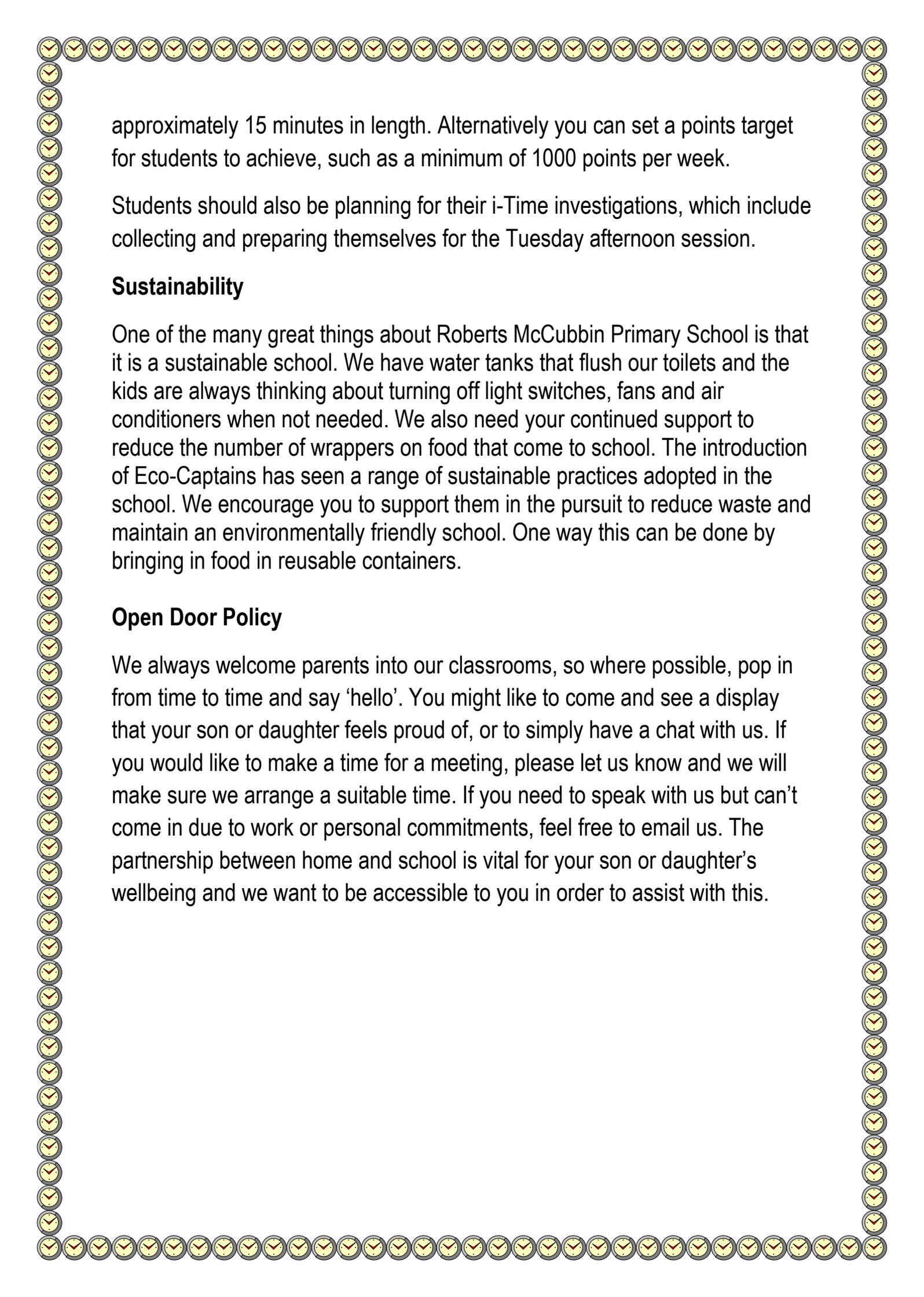
Student Diaries

Each 5/6 student has a diary which they have been using to assist them in developing their organisational skills. We encourage the children to record their nightly reading in it. The children will also record up and coming events in it such as sporting days, excursions or homework due dates. Notices will also be held safely in their diaries.

Organisation is a vital skill as student's transition towards high school and the more self-sufficient students are at organising their time the more prepared they are to make the transition. Teachers will be actively working with students this semester on the use of their diary. If families can also emphasize the importance of organisation and the diary, we will be well on track to support their independence.

Homework

Homework will come in a variety of formats this semester and will cover key learning areas such as Literacy, Numeracy and Inquiry. Homework will always have a clear due date and will be relevant to the needs of the students and to the work being covered in the classroom. We continue to have the expectation that all students will **read nightly for at least 20 minutes**, (this can take a variety of formats including: newspapers, appropriate magazines or online books) record it in their diaries and have it signed by a parent or guardian, in order to support their literacy skills. In addition it is an expectation that students regularly complete tasks on the Mathletics website. We recommend 3 to 5 sessions a week of



approximately 15 minutes in length. Alternatively you can set a points target for students to achieve, such as a minimum of 1000 points per week.

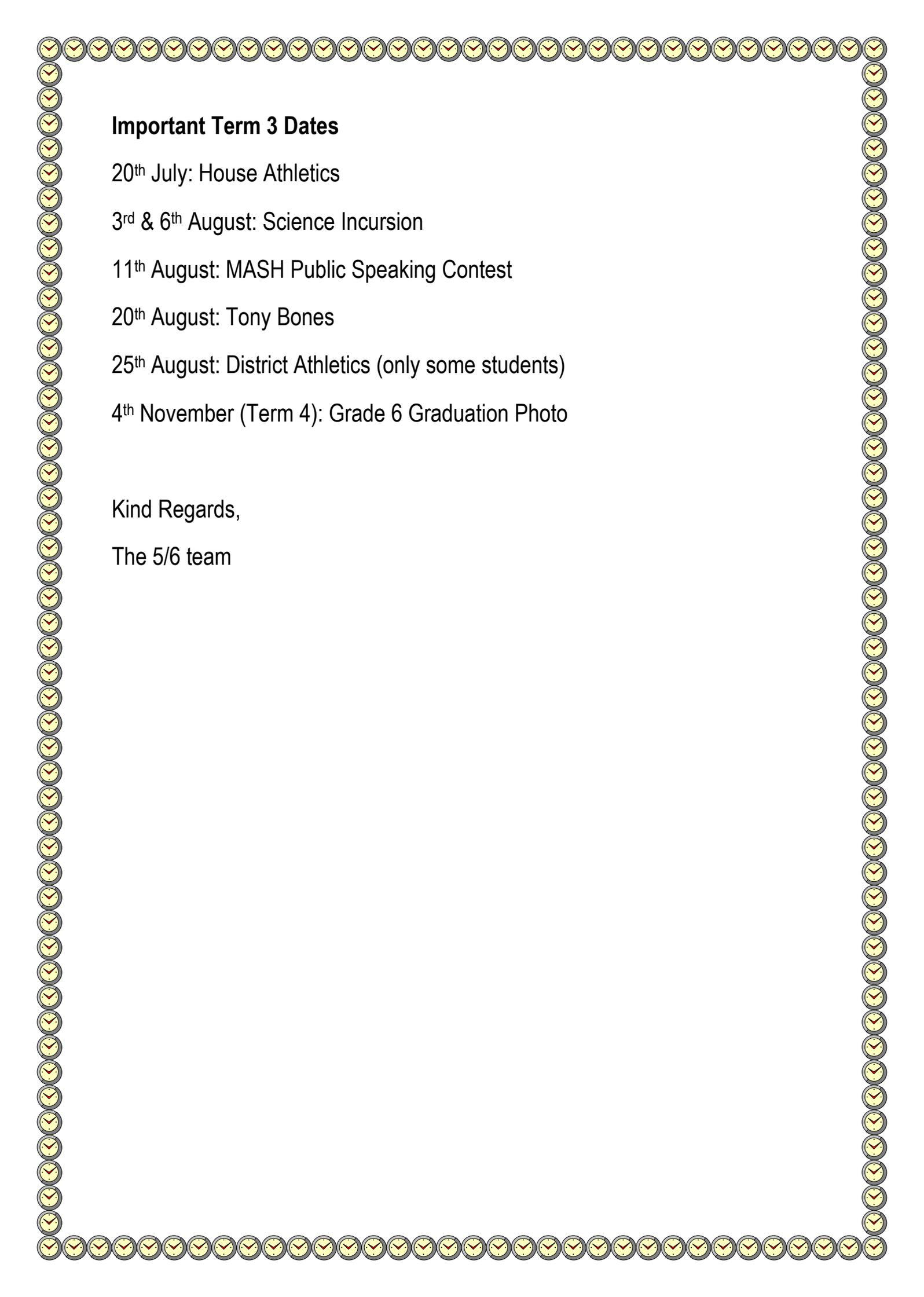
Students should also be planning for their i-Time investigations, which include collecting and preparing themselves for the Tuesday afternoon session.

Sustainability

One of the many great things about Roberts McCubbin Primary School is that it is a sustainable school. We have water tanks that flush our toilets and the kids are always thinking about turning off light switches, fans and air conditioners when not needed. We also need your continued support to reduce the number of wrappers on food that come to school. The introduction of Eco-Captains has seen a range of sustainable practices adopted in the school. We encourage you to support them in the pursuit to reduce waste and maintain an environmentally friendly school. One way this can be done by bringing in food in reusable containers.

Open Door Policy

We always welcome parents into our classrooms, so where possible, pop in from time to time and say 'hello'. You might like to come and see a display that your son or daughter feels proud of, or to simply have a chat with us. If you would like to make a time for a meeting, please let us know and we will make sure we arrange a suitable time. If you need to speak with us but can't come in due to work or personal commitments, feel free to email us. The partnership between home and school is vital for your son or daughter's wellbeing and we want to be accessible to you in order to assist with this.



Important Term 3 Dates

20th July: House Athletics

3rd & 6th August: Science Incursion

11th August: MASH Public Speaking Contest

20th August: Tony Bones

25th August: District Athletics (only some students)

4th November (Term 4): Grade 6 Graduation Photo

Kind Regards,

The 5/6 team