Science Talent Search
An invitation to students to enter the 59th Annual Science Talent Search has been sent to our school.
If your child is interested in science and would like to be involved in researching and producing a project for the Science Talent Search, entry forms will be coming out after the school holidays.
In the meantime, you can go to: www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts and look at the ‘For Students and Parents’ pages as well as the other information to see what it is all about.

Students can begin formulating ideas during the school holidays and come to see me after the break.

ICAS Competitions
The ICAS competitions in English, Writing, Maths and Science are held in June – August and Essendon North will once again be involved in these. Entry forms will be available after the holidays.

G.A.T.E.WAYS Information

- The G.A.T.E.WAYS Brainwaves Club program is based on the philosophy that highly able and gifted children have particular needs for stimulation and challenge that match their high level of curiosity and desire to learn. In addition, children with specialized skills and talents in advance of their age peers need both affirmation of these abilities and opportunities for talent development. They also need opportunities to mix with like-minded peers and to form rewarding friendships that further foster their interests, social skills and self-esteem. It is G.A.T.E.WAYS aim to facilitate this positive social interaction in a non-threatening club atmosphere.

:: Melbourne G.A.T.E.WAYS continues to expand its clubs’ program for primary aged gifted and talented children. The clubs operate once a fortnight on a Saturday afternoon at Ivanhoe Grammar School, The Ridgeway, Ivanhoe, and Brighton Grammar School, 29-31 Grosvenor St, Brighton, between 1.30 and 4.00 pm. See www.gateways.edu.au/programs.htm#Brainwaves for details.

- Grade 6 Next Step Leadership Seminars
G.A.T.E.WAYS invites Grade six children to attend the Grade 6 Next Step Leadership program to be held at TSSM, Level 14, 474 Flinders St, Melbourne, 9.00am - 4.00pm on 29th and 30th of March 2010. Parents may enrol direct with G.A.T.E.WAYS for this program.
To register, please contact the Seminar organiser, Christine Ireland on 9894 2116 or christine@gateways.edu.au

- Writers’ Ink: A writers’ festival for Grades 4 to 6 will be held on July 14th and 15th at L14, 474 Flinders St, Melbourne.

- Journeys Programs
In these programs children spend one morning a week for four weeks developing skills in a specialised area of the curriculum. Journeys held "On Location" at venues other than schools are often held over one or two full days. The program content is presented at a more advanced level and at a faster pace than is often possible in the regular classroom.
Parents are responsible for transportation to the programs which are held at Brunswick South PS on Thursday May 26th and 27th. Term 2 programs are related to maths and Term 3 programs are history based.

If you would like any further information regarding any of the information provided in this newsletter please contact me personally or on email at: upton.carole.a@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Thanking you for your support,
Regards Carole Upton