Welcome
Welcome to another year of learning ‘beyond the classroom.’ This newsletter gives students the opportunity to find out about events and competitions being held by a range of universities and associations. In addition to this, there are details of clubs and websites that may be of interest.

ICAS Competition
Dates for 2012
Once again we will be offering students the opportunity to participate in the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools). These competitions are open to all students from Grades 3 to 6. In the past our students have received some outstanding results in all competitions.

Dates for the NSW competitions are as follows:
Science – June 6th ($7.70)
Writing – June 18th to 22nd ($16.50)
English – July 31st ($7.70)
Mathematics – August 14th ($7.70)

Further details will be sent home with requests for payments early Term 2. Details can be found at the UNSW Global website: eea.unsw.edu.au or you can speak to Carole Upton, Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator.

Science Talent Search 2012
The Science Talent Search (STS) is an annual, science based competition open to all primary and secondary students in Victoria. We have been involved in the competition for the past 3 years with much success, including bursaries and medals. The competition is open to all students from Prep to Year 6 and entries can be individual or group. Further details including the handbook can be found at: http://www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts/index.html. This year the theme is Sustainability and the Environment. The key date for Creative Writing and Experimental Research is Monday July 23rd and the judging day for all other entries is Saturday August 11th. Further details and entry forms will be sent home early Term 2.

Brainwaves Club
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 specialised skills and talents can work with peers with like skills and also further 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. For further details: http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs.htm#Brainwaves
Looking for something to do on the holidays?

Bendigo Discovery: Science and Technology Centre
If you’ve got the time and your children love Scienceworks then you might like to take a drive further afield to Bendigo Discovery: Science and Technology Centre at 7 Railway Place, Bendigo. The centre is open from 10 – 4pm daily. Prices are: $9.50 for children (5 – 15), adults $12.50 and family (2 adults and 4 children) for $39.50. There are over 100 hands on activities, a planetarium and lab demonstrations and the vertical slide has to be seen to be believed. For further details: [http://www.discovery.asn.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=frontend&Itemid=1](http://www.discovery.asn.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=frontend&Itemid=1)

Thanks to Discovery Centre I have 4 children’s passes to give away to the first 4 students who come to see me. (check with your parents first)

Australian Treasure Walks
If you like to enjoy a hunt and a mystery then you might be interested in a treasure hunt around Melbourne. Further details and downloadable booklets are available from: [http://australiantreasurewalks.com/products-page/](http://australiantreasurewalks.com/products-page/)

Learning Enrichment Centre
There are lots of different activities available at the Learning Enrichment Centre, Ivanhoe Grammar holiday program. Activities are varied and cover Art, Maths, Science, Public Speaking, Media and Literature. Prices are $40.00 for a 2-hour session. For further details go to: [http://www.ivanhoelec.com/program/holiday-workshop](http://www.ivanhoelec.com/program/holiday-workshop)

David Attenborough
Sir David Attenborough – A Life on Earth will take audiences on an incredible journey through Sir David’s extraordinary life, his untold stories, the evolution of filming techniques and his passion for bringing us closer to nature. All told by the man himself! Tickets on sale to the general public - Monday 26th March, 9am From: Friday 17th of August 2012 to Saturday 18th of August 2012 Time: 8pm Venue: Regent Theatre 191 Collins Street Melbourne Victoria 3000

New website – Your Kids Ed
If you’re a parent looking to find inspirational ideas for educating and enriching your children, there is a fresh new website which makes it easy for busy parents to find what they are looking for. YourKidsEd was designed by parents for parents and is rich with information and resources for the education of children. YourKidsEd is an excellent resource, with kid-friendly websites, school information, educational activities, programs, events, competitions, books, toys, games, and related products and services. As well as links to other sites, there are also articles and studies relating to topics such as: choosing a school, helping your child to learn, and looking after their well-being. For more details: [http://yourkidsed.com.au/info/home](http://yourkidsed.com.au/info/home)

If you have any information regarding programs or events that may be of interest to other students or parents please feel free to email the details to me at: upton.carole.a@edumail.vic.gov.au