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Dear Parents and Carers

Pen Pal Club – Years 7 to 11

We are very excited to announce the launch of our new **Pen Pal Club**, which will give children the wonderful opportunity to connect with pupils from a school in Australia! Through this exciting international link, students in Years 7-11 will have the chance to exchange letters with children of a similar age, learning about each other's lives, schools, hobbies, interests and cultures.

The club will meet once a month after school, giving students dedicated time to write, draft and prepare their letters to send to their pen pals with the support of staff. This will be a lovely opportunity for children to develop meaningful connections while discovering what life is like for children growing up on the other side of the world. Once we have gauged interest, the day we meet will be determined.

As part of the club, children will have the opportunity to:

- Develop their writing, spelling, punctuation and communication skills.
- Write for a real audience and a meaningful purpose.
- Learn about Australian life, culture, traditions and geography.
- Share information about their own school, community and experiences.
- Build friendships and develop an understanding of different cultures.
- Grow in confidence and enthusiasm for writing.

Interested in joining?

If your child would like to be part of this exciting new club, please complete our expression of interest form using the following link: Expression of interest form - Pen Pal Club – Fill in form

Please complete the form by Wednesday 11 November so that we can get an idea of numbers and begin organising our first pen pal exchanges.

We are really looking forward to beginning this exciting journey and seeing the friendships and connections that develop through our letters. We hope students will enjoy this unique opportunity to communicate with pupils from another part of the world.

Thank you for your support. We can't wait to get started!

Kind regards

Miss Frankum – Teacher of English