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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to tell you about an exciting project we have been doing in Year 6 and 5/6A this semester.

As you might know, in our school we are beginning to use the teaching method of Project Based Learning, or PBL, to help students learn better. A project motivates students to gain knowledge, and they remember it longer. Projects give students the chance to apply the skills they learn in school to personally relevant and real-world situations. Your child also learns skills in PBL such as how to think critically, solve problems, work in teams, and make presentations. These skills will help students succeed in the future, both in school and in today’s work world.

Our project is called *Identity Theft* and we have been working on this project together throughout Semester One. The unit covers elements of the HSIE and the English curriculum. The project’s Driving Question, which focuses our work, is *How has our Australian Identity been formed by specific events in our history?* Your child has been working in a team, guided by me and the Year 6 teachers. Students will be assessed individually on their content knowledge, their collaboration skills, and their presentation skills.

In Week 6, on **Thursday 28 May at 9.30am**, students will present their work in our School Hall. This presentation will take the form of stalls set up as a timeline stretching from 2015 back into Australia’s past. All are welcome. We hope you will be able to attend!

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