

GRADE 3 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 3 2015 ~

Welcome back to everyone for the beginning of another busy and exciting term. We hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing holiday.

Punctuality

School starts for all students at 8:20am. Students have tasks to complete from the first bell, while the roll is taken and money and notes are being collected. Late arrival can hinder students' progress and will make it difficult for them to settle into daily routines. Please ensure that students arrive at school before the 8.20am bell.

Student Diaries

Most students have been filling in their student diaries diligently and recording their daily reading. We ask that diaries are checked and signed by parents nightly or at least weekly to ensure that students are reading at home regularly. The diaries are also an effective communication tool for teachers and parents. Please feel free to write any questions or concerns in your child's diary at any time. If you need to speak to your child's teacher please request an appropriate meeting time. It is important to remember that problems are usually easier to resolve if they are dealt with promptly.

Student Wellbeing & Discipline

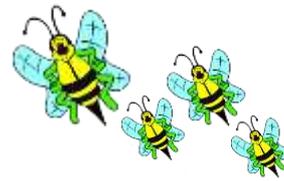
The grade 3 students have revisited expectations for appropriate behaviour inside and outside their classrooms. Teachers have adopted a consistent approach to discipline with the School Wide Positive Behaviour Strategies and have a reward system involving student bees and class beehives. The students will be saving their bees and exchanging them for rewards from the rewards shop and class rewards chart.

Homework

Homework this term will begin in week 2 (Monday 20th July) and conclude in week 9 (Friday 11th September). It will be handed out and explained each Monday and will be expected back by Friday for correction. Every classroom has the same homework tasks.

Homework expectations are:

- To read for at least 15 minutes daily and the student diary to be signed by a parent.
- To practise basic spelling skills and strategies.
- To practise basic number skills and strategies.
- To explore fun and engaging educational websites.



Homework should not be stressful or too time consuming. The activities are intended to support what is being learnt in the classroom and it is valuable for children to complete each task to the best of their ability. If you have any concerns regarding homework, please make an appointment and speak with your child's teacher.

During Term 3 Grade 3 students will focus on following areas of the curriculum:

Literacy

During reading in Term 3, students will focus on inferring and finding the deeper meaning to texts. They will ask and answer comprehension questions and predict ends to narratives. In writing, they will explore a range of transactions, such as letters, invitations and post cards and also develop their understandings in writing information reports. There will also be a strong focus on presenting their work, ideas and arguments and being a good listener during discussions.

Numeracy

During maths in Term 3, students will develop a greater understanding of place value to the millions. They will learn to find angles in the outside world and label them. Students will demonstrate their understanding of fractions of a group and a whole and read and locate objects on maps. There will also be a big focus on adding and subtracting different amounts of money.

Inquiry Unit - Celebrations and Commemorations

For our Term 3 Inquiry Unit, Changing Earth, students will investigate the changes that happen on Earth, both naturally and as a result of human activity. Firstly, we will focus on the Earth's rotation and how it affects day and night and the seasons. Students will research and present projects on natural occurrences, such as earthquakes and erosion, and changes because of human activity, such as mining and deforestation.

School Activities and Important Dates

It's a good idea to read the school newsletter to keep updated with important dates and special school activities. Check out the school website at: www.bellbridgeps.vic.edu.au for all upcoming activities and events.

We look forward to continue working in partnership with you and your child to ensure a happy, successful and rewarding Term 3.

Regards,
The Grade 3 Team