

GRADE 3 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 1 2015~

Dear Parents/Guardians

A big welcome to all of the students who will be part of the Bellbridge Grade 3 team this year!

The classes this year are as follows:

3A Room 19: Mr Shaam Nundlall

3B Room 20: Miss Deanna Raptopoulos

3C Room 21: Miss Casey Aquilina

3D Room 22: Ms Lynne Lloyd

Thank you to all those parents who made sure that their child had a hat, art smock, library bag and tissue box on the first day of school. If any of these items have been overlooked, we would very much appreciate them being brought into the classroom (all named please) as soon as possible to ensure a smooth and happy start to the year for students... and their teachers! ☺

School Times

School starts for all students at 8:20am. Students have tasks to complete from the first bell, while registers are taken and monies/notes are being collected. Late arrival can hinder student's 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.

Hats

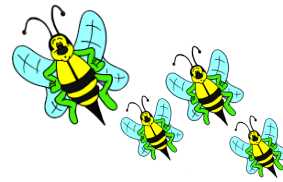
During Term 1 and Term 4 students are required to wear blue hats (i.e. legionnaire, broad brimmed or bucket hat), whenever they are outside. Students not wearing a hat will be required to play in the courtyard for recess and lunch.

On-going communication - Student Diaries

All students will be given a student diary this week. Diaries will be filled in each day with the Take Home Book the student should be reading home. We ask that diaries are checked and signed by parents/caregivers 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/caregivers. 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

In keeping with the establishment of the whole school approach to student wellbeing, the Grade 3 students have been discussing appropriate behaviour and expectations in their classrooms. Teachers have adopted a consistent approach to discipline and currently have a reward system of School Wide Positive Behaviours strategies.



Our School Wide Positive Behaviours are: **Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be a Learner.**

Homework

Homework this term will begin in week 3 (Monday 16th February). Homework will be handed out and explained to students each Monday and will be expected back by Friday for correction.

Homework expectations are:

- To read for at least 15 minutes daily and student diaries need to be signed daily by parents/caregivers.
- 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 done 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.

Important Dates

It's a good idea to read the Newsletter and check the School Calendar to keep up to date with school activities, term dates, public holidays and curriculum days. Also check out the school website: www.bellbridgeps.vic.edu.au and our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BellbridgePrimary

We look forward to meeting you at the Week 3 Parent Teacher 'Meet & Greet' (Monday 16th of February and Tuesday the 17th of February) and working in partnership with you and your child to ensure a happy, successful and rewarding 2015 school year.

Regards,

The Grade 3 Team. ☺