

GRADE 2 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 4 2019 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope that you have had a fun and restful break, and look forward to a bustling and exciting Term 4 ahead!

KEY DATES

Wed 30/10 Wheel and Walk-a-thon

Mon 4/11 - CURRICULUM DAY (No students)

Tue 5/11 - MELBOURNE CUP DAY (No students)

Tues 19/11, 26/11, 3/12 Transition sessions

Tuesday 10/12 State-wide Orientation Day

Wed 18/12 Subway lunch

Fri 20/12 - Last day of Term 4 (1:00pm dismissal)

ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

Assemblies will be held in the school gym at approx. 1:50pm on the following Fridays, except the last day of term being earlier.

11/10	18/10	25/10	1/11	8/11	15/11	22/11	29/11	6/12	13/12	20/12
3-6	P-2	3-6	P-2	3-6	P-2	3-6	P-2	3-6	P-2	P-6

Respectful Relationships

Respectful Relationships is an initiative to support schools and early childhood education settings promote and model respect and equality. It also supports educators to teach our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence.

In Term 3, the Grade 2 students focused on ways to share fairly. Students played a series of games to conclude a 'fair' outcome when presented with two or more options.

As a result of these lessons, students used the 'paper, scissors, rock' strategy for things like: presenting first and taking home their Werribee Mansion constructions.

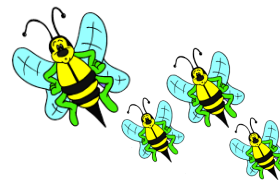
This term, the Grade 2 students will focus on creating gender friendly classrooms. This will include lessons on non-typical gender norms/roles, in order to help students be more inclusive during games, such as cricket or dancing, and when partnering up with the opposite gender.

Drop Off Times

At Bellbridge, children are expected to enter the classroom at 8:20am. This allows them time to unpack their bags, change their take home books, place lunch orders in the lunch order crate, and hand money and notes to the teachers for them to process.

SunSmart

Term 4 is a 'No Hat, No Play' term. Students are expected to wear either a blue broad brimmed or blue bucket hat at recess and lunch every day (Please note caps are not



acceptable SunSmart hats). If they are not wearing an approved hat, they will be limited to playing in the courtyard. For more information on this, our SunSmart policy can be found on the school's website.

Every Day Counts

If your child is going to be absent from school, please ring the school in the morning to inform us. Upon your child's return to school, please provide a written explanation of the absence to the classroom teacher.

Fruit Break

All Grade 2 classes allow time during the day for students to take a break and re-energise with fresh fruit or vegetables. It would be great if all students had some fresh fruit or vegetables included in their lunch box each day.

Transition

During Term 4, all students will be involved in our school based transition program. This will be a chance for your child to go to a Grade 3 classroom and do some work with the current Grade 3 teachers, in preparation for 2020.

Homework & Reading

Homework will start in Week 2 and finish in Week 9. Books will be handed out on a Monday, and should be returned Friday. Homework is designed to be three quick revision tasks, with reading and spelling words to be practised daily. Your child is expected to read on a daily basis and record this information in their diaries.

Term 4 Inquiry Unit

During Term 4, the Grade 2 students will be focusing on 'Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds'. They will focus on growth and how their needs will change over time, as well as how their actions affect those around them. Links have been made between our inquiry unit and procedural writing unit, where we will be making a variety of healthy foods.

Key concepts covered this term.

<p>Math</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Place Value ➤ Addition, Subtraction and Money ➤ Volume and Capacity ➤ Division ➤ Fractions ➤ Multiplication 	<p>Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Comprehension Questions ➤ Inferences ➤ Questions and Questioning ➤ Text structures and Features ➤ Think Aloud 	<p>Inquiry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Healthy Bodies <p>Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Exposition ➤ Procedural
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Happy Learning!

Regards, Grade 2 Team ☺