

GRADE 3 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 2, 2018 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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

Important Dates

- Monday 23rd April Grade 3-6 Cross Country
- Wednesday 25th April - ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd May - School Photos
- Tuesday 15th May-Friday 18th May - NAPLAN testing
- Friday 18th May - National Walk Safely To School Day
- Wednesday 23rd May - Family Maths Night
- Wednesday 6th June - First Aid in Schools Incursion
- Monday 11th June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- Tuesday 12th June - Curriculum Day
- Monday 25th June- Wednesday 27th June - Parent Teacher Interviews
- Friday 29th June - End of Term 2, 1:40 finish

Parent Teacher Interviews

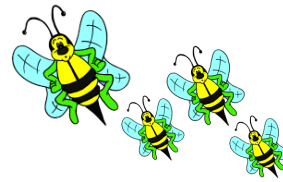
Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the last week of Term 2, after Semester 1 reports have been sent home. This will be a great opportunity to celebrate your child's successes so far and set goals for Semester 2. Information about how to book times will be provided later this term.

School Times

School starts for all students at 8:20am. Students have tasks to complete from the first bell, while the roll is taken and money/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.

On-going communication - Student Diaries

All students have been given a student diary this year and they are expected to bring these to school daily. Diaries should be filled in each day with the Take Home Book your child is reading at 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.



NAPLAN

During May (Tuesday 15th-Friday 18th), students in Grade 3 and Grade 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN tests. The students will be well prepared, but we must stress that this is just a one-off assessment and it is important that students should not feel anxious in any way. Bellbridge students will be participating in NAPLAN Online testing this year. Please see the attached information sheet for further details. We wish our students all the best!

Homework

Homework this term will begin in week 2 (Monday 23rd April) and conclude in week 10 (Friday 22nd June). Homework will be handed out and explained to students each Monday and will be expected back by Friday for correction. There will be no homework during NAPLAN week.

Homework expectations are:

- To read for at least 10-15 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.

Term 2 Learning

This term we will be learning about the following topics:

Writing - Exposition and procedural writing

Reading - Making connections, making inferences and revision of comprehension strategies.

Maths - Place value, multiplication and division, 3D objects, chance and data, fractions, lines and angles, mass and capacity.

Inquiry Unit - Celebrations and Commemorations

For our Term 2 Inquiry Unit, 'States of Matter', students will investigate solids, liquids and gases, and how their properties change when heated or cooled. We will learn about the water cycle, make predictions and draw conclusions during exciting experiments, and explore what causes heat and how it can be transferred to another source. It will be a very fun and engaging inquiry unit for students to participate in.

It's a good idea to read the school 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 with you at the Parent Teacher Interviews and continuing to work in partnership with you and your child to ensure a happy, successful and rewarding Term 2.

Regards, The Grade 3 Team.