

GRADE 3 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 2 2019 ~

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.

KEY DATES

- Tue 23/4 - First day of Term 2 (the day after Easter Monday)
- Thu 25/4 - ANZAC Day (No school)
- Tue 7/5 & Wed 8/5 - SCHOOL PHOTOS (schedule to be provided)
- Thu 9/5 - Mother's Day Stall
- Tue 14/5-Fri 17/5 - NAPLAN testing
- Fri 17/5 - Walk Safely to School Day
- Mon 3/6 - CURRICULUM DAY (No school for students)
- Wed 5/6 - Grade 3&4 Hoop Time
- Mon 10/6 - QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY (No school)
- Thurs 20/6 - Grade 3-6 Athletics Carnival
- Mon 24/6- Wed 26/6 - Parent-Teacher Meetings
- Fri 28/6 - Last day of Term 2 (1:40 dismissal)

Assemblies

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

Prep-Grade 2 - 3/5, 10/5 (whole school), 24/5, 7/6, 21/6, 28/6 (1:10pm whole school)

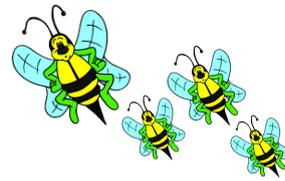
Grades 3-6 - 26/4, 10/5 (whole school), 17/5, 31/5, 14/6, 28/6 (1:10pm whole school)

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher Meetings 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.

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 14th-Friday 17th), 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.

Homework

Homework this term will begin in Week 2 (Monday 29th April) and conclude in Week 9 (Friday 21st 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 (with student diaries 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 other comprehension strategies.

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

Inquiry Unit - States of Matter

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 again at the upcoming Parent-Teacher Meetings 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.