

GRADE 3 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 3 2018 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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

Important Dates

- Tuesday 24th July - North Melbourne AFL visit
- Wednesday 25th July, Wednesday 1st August, Wednesday 8th August and Wednesday 15th August - Grade 3 Footy Clinics
- Monday 13th to Friday 17th August- Science Week
- Friday 17th August - Crazy Hair Day
- Monday 20th to Friday 24th August - Book Week and Buddies Week
- Thursday 30th August - Father's Day Stall
- Friday 31st August - Grade 3 excursion to Melbourne Museum
- Monday 10th to Friday 14th September - eSmart Week
- Thursday 20th September - Subway Lunch
- Friday 21st September - Last day of Term 3

School Times

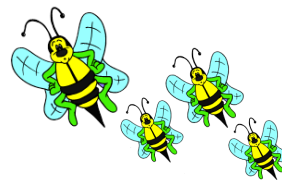
School starts for all students at 8:20am. Students have tasks to complete from the first bell, while the roll is taken and money/notes are being collected. Late arrival can hinder academic progress and will make it difficult for them to settle into daily routines. Please ensure that students arrive at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

On-going communication - Student Diaries

Diaries should be filled in each day with the Take Home Book your child should be reading at home. We ask that diaries are checked and signed by parents/guardians 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/guardians. 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 will be 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 Behaviour strategies.



Homework

Homework this term will begin in Week 2 (Monday 23rd July) and conclude in week 9 (Friday 14th September). 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 10-15 minutes daily and student diaries need to be signed by parents/guardians.
- 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.

Inquiry Unit - Celebrations and Commemorations

For our Term 3 Inquiry unit, Celebrations and Commemorations, students will be participating in a cultural day. This will occur in the final week of term and students may dress in their cultural attire and bring a plate of food to share for a cultural feast. We are also going on an excursion to the Melbourne Museum to view the exhibition "First Peoples - Bunjilaka" on Friday 31st August. A note about these activities will be sent home later in the term.

English in Term 3

During Reading in Term 3, students will focus on visualising, summarising, asking and answering questions, and also using predicting as a comprehension tool. Writing in Term 3 will be focusing on information reports, where students will research topics and write what they have learned in a logical order. Students will also be revising previously covered writing genres, including procedural texts, narratives and expositions.

Maths in Term 3

During Maths in Term 3, there will be a strong focus on number, including place value, odd and even numbers and counting patterns. Students will also be completing lessons on mapping and location; money - adding and subtracting amounts and working out change; and capacity, where students will get to use hands-on materials to measure the capacity of various objects.

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.

Further school information can be found on our school website: www.bellbridgeps.vic.edu.au and our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BellbridgePrimary

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

Regards,
Grade 3 Team.