

# GRADE 3 NEWSLETTER

## ~ Term 4, 2017 ~

Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a fantastic holiday and are ready for a fun and busy Term 4. We would like to wish students a fantastic final term before moving into Grade 4.

### Important Dates

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Curriculum Day
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 7.30pm - Grade 3-6 Disco
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Bellbridge Christmas Concert (6.00pm)
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Reports sent home
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Last day of the year- 1.00pm dismissal
- Transition days will be on: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December and the state-wide transition day will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Times will be communicated at a later date.

### Homework

Homework this term will begin in Week 2 (Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October) and concludes in week 8 (Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December). 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 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.

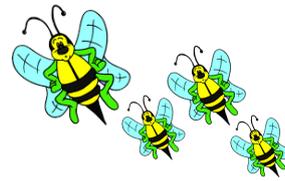
Homework should not be stressful or too time consuming. The activities are intended to support what is being done in the classroom and it is valuable for children to complete each task to the best of their ability. If you have any concerns regarding homework, please make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher.

### 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. Please ensure that your child's hat is labelled with their name, so that it is easier to return to the owner if it becomes misplaced.

### Grade 3 Netbook Information Evening

Our Grade 3 students are beginning to feel very excited about their transition to Grade 4. They know that they will be using their own Netbook computers next year and they will also begin using Netbooks during their Term 4 Transition sessions. An information evening will be held for



all Grade 3 families to explain how the program works. Further information will be given closer to the date.

### **English**

During reading in Term 4, students will focus on reading aloud, and using punctuation to assist in fluency and expression. Students will also be encouraged to monitor their own reading, use their voice effectively and self-correct their reading. They will learn to use a range of comprehension strategies to develop a greater understanding of what they have read. In writing, students will learn the structure of, and write procedural texts, and explore and write various kinds of poetry, such as alliterations and haikus. In speaking and listening, there will continue to be a strong focus on presenting work and ideas, and being a good listener during discussions and sharing times.

### **Maths**

During Maths in Term 4, students will further develop their understanding of the four processes- addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and explore the relationships the processes have with each other. Students will also look at the probability of events and chance outcomes, through activities such as rolling a dice. Students will learn how to collect and display data on graphs and then how to read meaning from the information obtained. In a unit on measurement and geometry, students will focus on three-dimensional objects; transformations such as flip, slide and turn, and using formal units to measure objects. Finally, students will learn about both analogue and digital time, such as quarter to, quarter past and 5 minute intervals.

### **Inquiry Unit - Solids, Liquids and Gases**

For our Term 4 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 inquiry unit to end the year.

### **School Activities and 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.

Further school information can be found on our school website: [www.bellbridgeps.vic.edu.au](http://www.bellbridgeps.vic.edu.au) and our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/BellbridgePrimary](https://www.facebook.com/BellbridgePrimary)

We are looking forward to the last exciting term of 2017!

Kind regards, The Grade 3 Team