

GRADE 3 NEWSLETTER

~ Term 4 2019 ~

Dear Parents/Guardians

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

KEY DATES

Mon 7/10 - Term 4 begins

Mon 21/10 - 3A Woolworths Visit

Tue 22/10 - 3B Woolworths Visit

Mon 28/10 - 3C Woolworths Visit

Tue 29/10 - 3D Woolworths Visit

Mon 4/11 - CURRICULUM DAY (No students)

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

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

Transition days will be on: Tuesday 19th November, Tuesday 26th November, Tuesday 3rd December and the state-wide transition day will be on Tuesday 10th December.

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
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RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

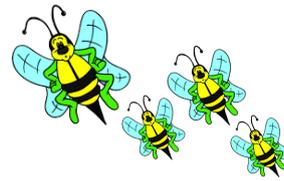
Respectful Relationships is an initiative to support schools and early childhood education settings to promote and model respect and equality. It also supports educators to teach our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence.

Last term, the Grade 3 students completed activities about stress management - investigating what stress is; and help seeking - looking at the size and severity of problems and how to deal with different situations.

This term, the Grade 3 students will be exploring gender and identity - looking at gender representations in popular children's books and creating a gender-friendly community by understanding rights and responsibilities.

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 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 provided later this term.



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.

HOMEWORK

Homework this term will begin in Week 2 (Monday 14th October) and concludes in Week 8 (Friday 29th November). Homework will be handed out and explained to students each Monday and will be expected back by Friday for correction. 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.

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 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 - BEING HEALTHY, SAFE AND ACTIVE

For our Term 4 Inquiry Unit, 'Being Healthy, Safe and Active', students will be learning about emotions, responding to situations, resilience, keeping safe at home and school, rules and laws, and how to stay healthy and active. As a part of this unit, students will be visiting our local Woolworths to participate in the Fresh Food Discovery Tour. They will learn about where fresh fruit and vegetables come from and how they are grown.

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 and our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BellbridgePrimary

We are looking forward to the last exciting term of 2019!

Kind regards,
The Grade 3 Team