



Lalor East Primary School

Grade 1/2 Area News - Term 3, 2017

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who attended the 3 Way Conferences in the last week of term 2. It was a great opportunity for teachers, parents and students to discuss the progress made and the goals for the remainder of the year. We were impressed with how well the students presented their portfolios and spoke about the progress they had made during the semester. If you were unable to attend, please speak to your child's teacher to arrange a suitable time. We welcome back to Mrs Silluzio and Deanna Weiland who were on wonderful adventures in Australia and overseas.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Curriculum Day (No school)**—Monday 31 July
- **RACV Education session**- Wednesday 16 August
- **School Concert** – Friday 15 September
- **Excursion payment due**- Friday 20 October (Term 4)
- **Last Day of Term 3**- Friday 22 September@1:30pm

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ABSENCES – IT'S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY and IT'S NOT GREAT TO BE LATE!

It is vital for students to attend school every day unless they are ill.

Please try to ensure your child achieves their attendance goal of not missing more than two days in term 3. The winter months can cause many health issues so please make sure your child rugs up for the cold weather.

If your child is ill or unable to attend school, please either:

- call the office on 9465 4350
- send a note to your child's teacher on the day they return to school.



Please ensure your child arrives at school on time at 8:50 am so they are ready to begin learning with their class at 9:00 am.

HOMEWORK/HELPING AT HOME

Many parents have asked what they can do to help their child at home. The main source of homework is Take Home Reading. Aim for 20 minutes of reading each night. Please fill out your child's reading diary to ensure they receive their certificate. Grade 1/2 children also receive a list of spelling words to learn each week.

The Mathletics website is an excellent resource to help your child revise or extend their mathematical skills. Children can earn points to go towards a certificate that the teacher can print. Students have been given a card with their log on code and password.



LITERACY

READING

Students will continue to be involved in small guided reading groups where a common text will be selected. There will be an increased focus on comprehension and understanding the main ideas of the text. Students will also be learning to paraphrase words and sentences. Shared electronic books on the Interactive White Board and big book experiences will also form part of our sessions. Students love reading books as a class and it helps to further develop their fluency and expression.

WRITING

In term 3, students will continue to use the writing strategies such as power of 3, alliteration, similes and onomatopoeia to complete 2 writing pieces. This process involves the children writing a small amount each day instead of a whole piece in just a few days. The students will also construct simple and complex sentences using conjunctions. Handwriting will continue to be a major focus in the 1/2 area as students work towards developing correct formation for the numerals 0-9 and letter formations including writing on the line. This term we will specifically focus on the letters: Kk, Pp, Nn, Mm, Rr, Xx, Zz and Ss



GRAMMAR will focus on

- the correct use of punctuation such as full stops and capital letters
- creating descriptive sentences with a focus on nouns, verbs, adjectives, similes and alliteration
- exploring 2 and 3 letter blends

ORAL LANGUAGE/SPEAKING AND LISTENING

At Lalor East we are having a big focus on developing the oral language skills of our students. All students will continue to visit the very popular Oral Language Centre for one session each week. Deanna runs the sessions on Monday and Thursday. In addition to OLC, students will be encouraged to make short presentations to the class focussing on speaking clearly, using the appropriate volume, interesting vocabulary and making eye contact with the audience.

CONCERT-SHOW TIME AT THE SEA

This year's concert is Show Time at Sea. Grades across the Prep to 2 area will be paired up to present a song at the concert. Please look out for notices in your child's bag as teachers will ask if your child will be attending and send home details of the costume requirements. We are all looking forward to a fun night as always!



PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

All students in grade 1/2 will all participate in the PRC. The teachers will read the books aloud to the class and then record the data on the website. In term four, the students will receive a lovely certificate to acknowledge their participation. If permission was granted, your child's name will appear in the newspaper at a later date.

NUMERACY

NUMBER

Our Number focus for this term will be multiplication and division. Students will become familiar with the different terms used when discussing multiplication, including groups of, arrays, piles, bundles, etc. The focus for division will be on 'how many groups' and sharing of items into groups. We will also continue to work on addition of money and ordering 3 digit numbers.

MEASUREMENT

The focus of our Measurement sessions will be telling the time to quarter to the hour, weighing objects using balance scales and using a calendar to locate important dates.

STATISTICS AND PROBABILITY

We will continue create graphs from collect data and interpret results and identifying the chance of certain events happening and using the appropriate vocabulary.



INTEGRATED STUDIES

Our topic of study this term is Safety. We will be looking at safety in different types of environments and situations such as road, fire, home, school and personal safety. Each Prep to 2 grade will participate in an educational session provided by the RACV which is free of charge to school age children. The focus of the session will focus on being a responsible passenger and a pedestrian, keeping children safe on the road. We will also continue with our Resilience and Respectful Relationships program. As they do every year, the students will visit Harold in the Life Education Van and complete follow-up activities based on our unit; "Growing Great Friends."

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Students will be learning the importance of monitoring their screen time and discuss the importance of using digital technologies responsibly. We will also be participating in tasks related to Cyber Safety.

Sessions in the computer room will focus on developing students' skills in using:

- **Microsoft Word** – to change the font size, style and colour and typing personal stories
- **Microsoft Publisher** – to create a calendar, make a table to record findings that relate to our Integrated Studies/Science topic and to make posters promoting safety
- **Excel** – to create a class graph
- **Powerpoint** – to create a slide show about Road Safety

Each grade also has access to a class set of iPads. They have school approved apps installed that can be used to revise learning of common words and blends, Maths games and coding programs.



With the coldest months of winter remaining, we are kindly asking for donations of boxes of tissues. The children in the youngest years go through a lot of tissues so if you can send along a box of tissues with your child that would be greatly appreciated.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please ensure that your child's library books are returned by the next library session. Many books were overdue over the holidays and we would appreciate all books to be returned as soon as possible. Our library is very well resourced and that can only continue if we have all books returned on time and well looked after.

Library sessions are:- **Room 10-Wednesday Room 11- Tuesday Room 13- Monday**

Please remember, if you have any concerns about your child's learning, contact their teacher to arrange a time to talk. Looking forward to another exciting term of learning ending with our wonderful, fantastic and exciting school concert! We hope to see you all there.

Grade 1/2 Teachers

Mrs Hewison/Deanna (Room 10) Mrs I'a (Room 13) Mrs Silluzio (Room 11)

FROM THE SPECIALISTS

ART – Karren Moncur

This is an exciting term with our concert about Pirates. There will be a lot of preparation that goes with it. Pirates will be the theme this term and a number of art sessions will be focused on this topic. The students will cover three different areas this term; Construction, Puppets and Printing.



Students will create constructions out of boxes and masking tape they will then decorate it with paint or paper. They will make simple stick puppets by attaching a picture to a stick and creating a moving part that is attached with a split pin. Using skewers, polystyrene balls and material, they will create pirate puppets. Students will also make mono prints by rolling out paint and drawing into it with their finger. They will make butterflies by folding paper and squishing paint between the layers.

SPANISH/MUSIC – Luis Rios Gonzalez

In term 3, students will be making and writing music using basic forms of music notation. They will learn songs which involve actions and movement. Students will learn the correct way to hold and strum the ukulele and the guitar. They will also learn three different chords as well as some songs that can be played with them to experience playing in a group while staying in time. In Spanish, the focus will be the weather. Students will also learn simple sentences to introduce themselves, their families and say their own names.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – Dean Sharples

In term 3, the Grade 1/2 children will be participating in a 'Movement to Music' unit that will explore a variety of dance styles, locomotor and rhythm activities. They will be continuing to develop their Fundamental Motor Skills by practising bouncing and progressing into Basketball. To end the term, the children will participate in a Gymnastics unit, where they will learn basic Gymnastics skills and participate in a number of circuit activities.

