

# LALOR EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

## GRADE 3/4 AREA NEWSLETTER

### TERM 3 - 2017



Welcome back everyone. We hope you and your children enjoyed the school holidays and are ready for another fun and busy term. The children will be looking to extend on their great learning from first semester.

#### Please take note of these important dates for Term 3:

- **Swimming starts** - Friday 21 July
- **Curriculum Day (No school)** – Monday 31 July
- **Start Smart Program on the Value of Saving** – Wednesday 16 August
- **School Concert** - Friday 15 September
- **Last Day of Term 2**- Friday 22 September @ 1:30pm

Please read your weekly Jumbunna for any additional dates that may arise.

#### SWIMMING

These lessons will be on Friday mornings at Epping Leisure Centre. Please ensure all items of clothing are named so that your child's belongings can be returned if found.



#### LITERACY

The Literacy program develops student's skills in the areas of **Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening**. During **Reading** sessions, students read as a whole class, in small groups and individually to develop reading with expression, accuracy and fluency. Students will be focussing on the comprehension skills of making predictions, cause and effect and distinguishing between reality and fantasy.

In **Writing** the main focus will be on reviewing some of the writing strategies taught during semester 1. There will be a focus on descriptive writing and linking paragraphs. Students will explore the correct structure and appropriate vocabulary to use for the appropriate text type.

**Grammar and Word Study** will focus on punctuation, spelling patterns, spelling rules and letter blends. In **Handwriting** sessions, students will continue to develop a joined handwriting style that is legible and fluent.

#### NUMERACY

In Term 3, Our Mathematics program will focus on the following concepts:

- applying place value to assist in calculations and solving problems based on multiplication
- developing written strategies to apply to multiplication
- using subtraction to work out change from whole dollar amounts
- using scaled instruments to measure, order and compare objects using familiar units of mass
- developing written strategies to apply to division with no remainder.
- describing, continuing and creating number patterns resulting from addition, subtraction or multiplication
- representing money values in multiple ways and counting the change to the nearest five cents
- recognising that the place value system can be extended to tenths and making the connections between fractions and decimals
- selecting and trialling methods for data collection, including survey questions and recording sheets
- using scaled instruments to measure, order and compare objects using familiar units of temperature
- conducting chance experiments, identifying and describing possible outcomes and recognise variables in results
- collecting data and representing it in different ways such as lists, tables, tallies and graphs.

We will also be looking at creating and solving worded problems using the four processes of addition, subtraction, multiplication and multiplication.

## INTEGRATED STUDIES

### History

The focus will be on significance of days and weeks celebrated or commemorated in Australia and the importance of symbols and emblems including Australia Day, ANZAC Day, National Reconciliation Week, NAIDOC week and National Sorry Day.

### Health

The students will identify and practise strategies to promote health, safety and wellbeing. They will describe strategies to make the classroom and playground healthy and safe. They will participate in outdoor games and activities to promote health and wellbeing. Students will visit the Life Education Van as part of the program.

## DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

At Lalor East, we are very fortunate to be able to give students the opportunity to use a range of devices. Children have their regular 1 hour session in the computer lab as well as a 2 hour block for using the Mini iPads and Netbooks.



The students will complete set tasks to develop their computer skills using Microsoft Word, Publisher and will be exploring coding. Children will also complete tasks to complement our Numeracy and Literacy programs.

## HOMEWORK

Please continue to support your child in completing all homework requirements. It is expected that times tables, Take Home Reading and spelling words will be practised daily. Any homework sheets and projects should be returned by the due date unless an alternative date is pre-arranged with your child's teacher.



## PEER SUPPORT

This term, all the children from 3 to 6 will be involved in the Peer Support Program. Grade 6 students who are trained to be Peer Support Leaders lead these sessions. The children will complete tasks involving listening, co-operation and team work.

If you have any questions about your child's progress please arrange a time to speak to your child's teacher.

We are looking forward to another great term.

From the Grade 3/4 teachers

Dimitra Vassiliou, Stephanie Chan, Brad Jones, Mary Kassos and Ruth Aitken

## FROM THE SPECIALIST TEAM

### Music– Hari Mathios

In term 3, students will learn basic chords on ukulele and guitar, as well as the correct way to hold and play the instruments. They will continue singing in order to improve their pitch and rhythm. Students will do a project on music styles, in which they will use different technology tools to research and explore the history and sound of such styles. Additionally, students will continue discussing music from different cultures around the world. In term 3, we will exploring music from Asia and Latin America.

### Physical Education – Dean Sharples

In term 3, children in Grade 3/4 will take part in a 'Movement to Music' unit that will explore a variety of dance styles. The students will continue to develop their Fundamental Motor Skills and their Sport Specific Skills by participating in a Basketball unit and to end the term, the students will compete in an AFL SEPEP program (Sport Education in Physical Education Programs) where they will experience organising their own competition. The children will play 'Recreational Football'; a modified version of AFL that has been developed by the Australian Football League. The Sport/Swim program for Grades 3-6 will run on Friday mornings from Week 1- Week 7 at Epping Leisure City YMCA.



### Art– Karren Moncur

This is an exciting term with the 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 to this theme. Students will complete their painting unit by painting a very small canvas board. We will focus on miniatures and view some examples. Students will play with clay and learn to make a coil pot. They will learn about the importance of joining the clay properly. They will make an item out of air-drying clay that they will be able to keep. Students will also create 3D constructions with a Pirate theme. They will use cardboard, masking tape, glue and material. It may be a ship, treasure chest, skeleton or parrot. We will review joining techniques and finishing techniques to enhance their chosen object.