

LALOR EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL
GRADE 3/4 2018
TERM 1 INFORMATION

Welcome to 2018! The students have settled in wonderfully so far into their new grades. We are all looking forward to a fantastic year.

This year, the Grade 3/4 team consists of:

Dimitra Vassiliou in Room 15

Mary Kassos/Ruth Aitkin Room 16

Hannah Sutherland in Room 18

Stephanie Chan in Room 20

As part of our school's Sun Smart & Safety Policy students will need to wear a wide brimmed bottle green hat until 1st April each year. It must be clearly labelled with your child's full name and kept in good condition.



HOME READING



Take Home Reading books and **Library** books are available for borrowing. Students are encouraged to read at home nightly and we encourage parents to set aside some time to hear their child read on a regular basis. Just 15 minutes reading each night can make a big difference. The **Home Reading Diary** needs to be filled out so that the children can receive their reading certificate after every 25 nights of reading.

LITERACY

Once assessment of the students' skills has been completed they will be involved in small guided reading groups where a common text will be selected. Students will complete activities based on the texts to extend and develop their comprehension. Whole class reading activities will focus on Narrative text.

During writing sessions the children will revise the writing strategies. They will create a piece of descriptive text on the topic of Summer Holidays using a range of writing strategies.

Grammar will focus on the correct use of punctuation such as full stops, capital letters, commas and quotation marks. They will also learn rules to help with their spelling ability and revise high frequency words.



Formal **Handwriting** skills are regularly practised and encouraged.

In grade 3, students will learn begin to join letters correctly and Grade 4 students will aim for a pen licence later in the year.

NUMERACY

Our focus for this term will be on **Place Value** as this forms the basis of all understanding in numeracy. Students will focus on:

- counting, pattern & order, skip counting forwards and backwards
- number words and numerals, initially to 9,999 and then to 99,999
- automatic response to 20 (addition) and from 20 (subtraction)
- addition /regrouping tens
- basic fractions
- reading calendars, timetables & schedules
- identifying and naming 2D and 3D shapes
- interpreting data & making graphs.



INTEGRATED STUDIES /SCIENCE

The year will begin with the Lalor East Primary School **Start Up Program**. The variety of activities assists students in developing our classroom expectations and mission. The program helps students to establish the routine for the classroom and sets the tone for how each classroom will operate for the rest of the year. Although this is done at the beginning of the year, all aspects will be reinforced with students throughout the year.

The remainder of the term will be focussed on our Science topic called 'Package it better'. Students' will investigate the physical properties of materials and their suitability for particular purposes and consider the environmental effects of using recycled materials for packaging.

ICT

Students have a 1 hour session in the computer lab and 2 sessions using the netbooks and Surface Pro tablets in the classroom each week. These sessions will focus on developing the students' skills in logging on to the computer with their own personal code, accessing their folders on the server and using Word and Publisher programs to develop their computer skills. The children will also learn ways to be cyber safe when using the internet.



HOMEWORK

Homework is set based on the guidelines set out in the Lalor East Homework policy. Take Home Reading will be the main homework this term. Later in the term other forms of homework such as spelling or completing any unfinished work may also be given out for children to complete.

TERM 1 SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

GRADE	ART	MUSIC	P.E
3/4 VASSILIOU Room 15	TUES 10.00	THUR 9.00	WED 9.00
3/4 KASSOS/ AITKIN Room 16	MON 10.00	THUR 10.00	TUES 11.30
3/4 HANNAH Room 18	WED 9.00	THUR 11.30	MON 11.30
3/4 STEPHANIE Room 20	FRI 10.00	THUR 12.30	TUE 10.00

We look forward to working with you to ensure your child achieves his/her personal best.

FROM THE SPECIALISTS

ART - Karren Moncur

The children will start the year with a drawing unit. We will concentrate on line and space in their pictures. They will be encouraged to view different styles of drawing and create many of their own. Their evaluated piece of work will be to draw and complete a picture of a landscape. The children will then create a piece of material from wool by felting it. The children will sew their felt into a finger puppet and add cut felt shapes to make it into a little character.

MUSIC – Hari Mathios

In term 1, students will be learning new songs with an Australian theme, whilst also learning more about the significance of our Australian anthem. The students will be performing basic pieces of music in small percussion groups. They will be revisiting some basic forms of music notation to create and write their own music. Additionally, students will be exploring instruments commonly used in popular music (drum kit, guitar, keyboard, bass and ukulele). Their sound qualities and the role they play in different music styles.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – Dean Sharples



During Term 1 the Grade 3/4 students will be learning and participating in Athletic events. These events include: sprinting, long jump, high jump, hurdles, shot put, discus, triple jump and relays. Students will be completing specific drills for each of the events which are designed to improve their ability and technique. Students who are turning 10 in 2017 will have the opportunity to try out for the District Athletics Carnival which will be held on **Wednesday 28th March**. Successful students will receive more information prior to the event. Please send your child to school wearing runners or sneakers on their P.E. day as this is the most appropriate footwear for the Multipurpose Centre.

