Lalor East Primary School  
Grade 3 / 4 Area News  
Term 4 2014

We hope you had a great term break enjoying some lovely sunshine. We welcome back Mrs Kathy Ristevska from her Long Service Leave and thank Mrs D’Souza for her work in Kathy’s grade. As the year is coming to an end, we would like to thank you for your continued support of our programs throughout the year.

Some of the special events this term include:
- Tuesday 28 October- T20 Cricket (20 Grade 4 children only)
- Wednesday 29 October - Excursion to Melbourne Museum and IMAX
- Monday 3 November- Curriculum Day
- Tuesday 4 November- Melbourne Cup Day
- Thursday 6 November- Whole School House Sports Day
- Monday 17 November – Writers’ Festival opening
- Friday 5 December- Mini fete
- Friday 12 December- Reports go home and Christmas concert/Carols

BIKE EDUCATION
Bike Education classes will be conducted this term. Natalie Iverson and Shona McCulloch will run these classes. The sessions will be on Wednesday and Thursday starting in Week 2. Children will bring their bikes to school every Wednesday and take them home on Thursday. Only the children who have had their bike inspection in Term 3 and have fixed any problems can participate in this program.

NUMERACY
This term our Numeracy program will focus on:
- decimals to tenths and hundredths
- identifying the connection between decimals and fractions
- using materials to re-enforce their understanding of fractions
- investigating number patterns
- revision of place value concepts
- comparing and ordering the capacity of containers
- creating simple grid maps.

Children will be involved in assessment tasks to evaluate their understanding of mathematical concepts covered this year.

LITERACY
During the Reading program, students are required to discuss and answer questions based on their reading. They will be expected to answer questions in full sentences, in written or oral form. The children will focus on developing their understanding of the comprehension and reading strategies.
Our new writing model has been implemented with a focus on extending the children’s vocabulary and using specific writing strategies to enhance their sentences. You may have heard your child talk about the power of 3, alliteration and onomatopoeia. The teachers have noticed a great improvement in the children’s willingness to write and they are doing a wonderful job. The children will be involved in writing a piece of text for our Writers’ Festival titled My Special Place. The official opening will take place on Monday 17 November so keep the date free!

They will also write about their experiences on our upcoming excursion to IMAX and the Museum. Grammar, punctuation and word study sessions will continue throughout the term. Handwriting is an important part of the new writing model where children are expected to write in a neat and legible form. It is taught through formal instruction and is encouraged throughout all writing tasks.

Speaking and listening skills are encouraged throughout all curriculum areas. All students are asked to share their understanding of their learning with others, either to the whole class or within small groups.

INTEGRATED STUDIES/SCIENCE
The topic for Term 4 is Mini-beasts. As part of our unit, an excursion to the Melbourne Museum and IMAX Theatre has been organised. It is very important for all students to attend the excursion as it will provide them with a greater understanding of our topic of mini-beasts.

Throughout the unit, students will be involved in activities which have them sorting and classifying mini-beasts into categories. They will learn the role mini-beasts have within our environment. They will investigate a variety of mini-beasts and present factual information about them.

Students will be given a project to complete. It will be presented in booklet form. Your child will receive further information about the expectations of the project later in the term.

COMPUTERS/ICT
Students are given opportunities to develop computer skills and knowledge through a variety of activities. They will use literacy and numeracy games, explore educational websites related to topics studied in class and research information on mini-beasts. Programs the children will use to complete set tasks this term are: Microsoft Publisher, PowerPoint and Visio. They will also continue to work through tasks from the Cyber bullying program to keep them safe on-line.

HOMEWORK
Please continue to support your child to complete and return these tasks by the due date. Remember that 15 mins of reading each night can make a big difference. Well done to the children who are earning their certificates and stickers in their Take Home Reading Diary!

The Grade 3 / 4 Team

Julie Hewison, Kathy Ristevska, Angela Pobjoy and Jeanette Kelm
FROM THE SPECIALIST TEACHERS
MUSIC – LUIS RIOS GONZALEZ
In term 4, students will acquire basic skills on the guitar, drums, keyboard and ukulele and experience what it is like to perform together as a band. They will continue singing in order to improve their pitch and rhythm. Students will also explore different ICT tools including music making software to create different content such as music, radio ads and podcasts. They will also continue exploring different music styles from around the world.

ART – KARRREN MONCUR
All children, Foundation to Grade 6, will create a picture for the Writers’ Festival.

The children will create a flag for bunting that will be put up around the school. They will colour fabric and print an image on it.

The children will make an item from clay that they can take home. They will have to join the clay properly so it will survive and then they will paint it.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION – LARA ARSANA
In Term 4, the 3/4 children will complete the Australian Fitness Education Award which consists of the 20 metre Shuttle Run, Sit & Reach Test, Basketball Throw and Shoulder Stretch. Each child’s results will be recorded and presented to them with their Semester 2 Report.

The children will continue to develop their striking and fielding skills by participating in Cricket and Bat Tennis units and will finish the term playing Minor Games that are designed to achieve vigorous levels of physical activity in a short amount of time. The 3/4 children will also participate in the Annual House Sports day on Thursday 6 November.