



Lalor East Primary School

Grade 3/4 Area News

Term One 2019

Welcome to 2019! The students have settled in wonderfully so far into their new grades. We are all looking forward to a fantastic year.

This year, the teachers in the Grade 3/4 team are:

Dimitra Vassiliou Room 15

Trent Ryan / Hari Mathios Room 18

Julie Hewison / Mary Kassos Room 20

As part of our school's **Sun Smart & Safety Policy** students will need to wear a wide brimmed bottle green hat until 01 April each year. Hats 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 now available for borrowing. Students are encouraged to read at home every night and we encourage parents to set aside some time to hear their child read on a regular basis. Just 15 minutes of reading each night can make a big difference on your child's literacy skills. The **Home Reading Diary** needs to be filled in so that students can receive their reading certificate after 25 nights of reading each time.

LITERACY

Once students' skills have been assessed, 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 various narrative texts. During writing sessions students will learn to use the structure of narratives to complete various writing pieces.

In **Grammar**, student's will concentrate on the correct use of punctuation namely full stops, capital letters, commas and quotation marks. They will also learn spelling rules to help with reading and writing 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 other numeracy concepts. Students will focus on:

- counting, patterns & order, skip counting forwards and backwards
- number words and standard form, 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

2019 will begin with the Lalor East Primary School **Start Up Program**, where a variety of activities will assist students to develop our classroom expectations and mission. The program helps students establish a routine for the classroom and sets the tone for how each classroom will operate for the rest of the year. Although this is done for 3 weeks at the beginning of the year, all aspects of the program will be reinforced with students throughout the year.

For the remainder of the term, we will focus on our Science topic called 'Melting Moments'. Students will participate in a number of hands-on activities to develop their understanding of solids and liquids.

ICT

Students have a 1 hour session in the computer lab and 2 sessions using the netbooks and ipads in the classroom each week. These sessions will focus on developing the students' skills in logging on to the computer using 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 for students to complete.

We look forward to working with you to ensure your child achieves his/her personal best. Should you have any queries, questions or feedback, please feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher as soon as possible to have a chat.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

ART - Karren Moncur

The children will be involved in a drawing unit to start the year. They will learn about the art elements line, shape and space. This to see how to use the paper to best effect. Form: creating 3D effects by shading the dark and lights. The children will then create a construction with wire and foam. The aim is to look at space in three-dimensional art. This will be an abstract form with tissue paper and paper beads to decorate.

MUSIC / SPANISH - Luis Gonzalez

In term 1 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. Students will also be introduced to Spanish. They will learn short sentences with some useful expressions in Spanish about the traveling. They will also learn numbers from 1 to 100 and colours that are common in daily life.

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 2019 will have the opportunity to try out for the District Athletics Carnival, which will be held on **Tuesday 02 April**. 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.
