



Lalor East Primary School

Grade 1/2 Area News

Term One 2019

Welcome back to another wonderful year! We hope all our families have enjoyed a pleasant and safe summer holiday. As with every year at Lalor East, 2019 in Grade 1/2 is packed with creative learning and other opportunities to cater for each and every one of our students.

There have been a couple of changes to the 1/2 team this year. The teacher's in the 1/2 team are:

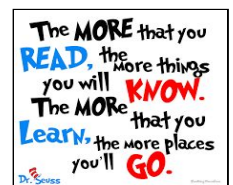
Stephanie Chan	Room 12	Karen O'Neill	Room 11
Hannah Sutherland	Room 10	Pesio I'a	Room 13

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 26 February Healthy Eating Incursion - Market Fresh (11:30 - 1pm)
- Monday 11 March Labour Day (Public Holiday)
- Friday 5 April Last Day of Term 1- students finish at 1:30pm

LITERACY

Students literacy skills are currently being assessed, for teachers to plan for teaching. Once the assessments have been completed, they will be involved in small guided reading groups where a common text will be selected. Students will also complete activities and literacy games designed to extend their knowledge of letters and words, and to develop some basic comprehension skills.



Home Reading



We encourage all parents to set aside a little time each night to listen to their child read. The books will usually be at a lower level than those read in class to assist students with their fluency. **Just 10 – 15 minutes** each night can make a world of difference to a child's reading development. Each student has been given a home reading record book. Please remember to read the tips at the front of the book and record a brief comment about their reading every night.

Writing

In term 1, students will learn to recount personal events and experiences during writing. They will focus on the correct use of punctuation such as full stops and capital letters, include **descriptive sentences** using **nouns, adjectives and conjunctions**.

Word Study

Students will learn medial vowels such as cat, hen, pig, hot, sun; phonics **ll**, **ff,ss**, words ending in **ck** and words beginning and ending in **sh**, **th** and **ng**.

Handwriting

Handwriting will continue to be a major focus in the 1/2 area as students continue to develop accurate letter formation and learn to write on the line. This term we will cover the letters: **A, C, D, G, Q, I, J, L and T**.



Oral Language

All students will continue to visit the very popular Oral Language Centre for one session each week. Mary Kassos will run these sessions on Tuesday and Thursday.

TUESDAY 1/2 Stephanie & 1/2 Hanna **THURSDAY** 1/2 Karen O & 1/2 Pesio

NUMERACY

Our focus for this term will be on **place value** as this forms the basis of all other numeracy skills. Students will focus on:

- counting to 110 by 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s from different starting points
- number formation to 20 (gr 1s) and 100 (gr 2s)
- representing numbers as tens and ones (gr 1s)
- representing numbers as hundreds, tens and ones (gr 2s)
- addition to 20

Measurement and space lessons will cover:

- days of the week
- months of the year
- length of objects
- 2D shapes e.g. square, circle, triangle
- 3D objects e.g. cube, sphere, cylinder.
- volume and capacity



Statistics and probability lessons will cover:

- the use of tallies and tables to collect data and interpret results

Mathletics

Most students are familiar with using the Mathletics website. If you would like your child to consolidate or extend their mathematical skills, our school highly recommends this site. Students will already have or will receive a card with their username and password. Please monitor the amount of time spent on the computer, especially on a school night.

INTEGRATED STUDIES

The year began with the Lalor East Primary School **Start Up Program**. As part of the program, students have focussed on the Lalor East School Values;

Caring, Co-operation, Honesty, Respect and Personal Best

The different activities assisted students to develop our classroom expectations and mission statement. Each grade will also develop a beginning and end of the day process chart to ensure we have a smooth start and end to our days. These activities have really helped set a positive tone in all the grades and will be an integral part of each grade for the year. We will continue to revisit our values during the year to reinforce this learning.

A Healthy Lifestyle

To develop students' appreciation of and a commitment to a healthy and socially just way of living, we have organised the *Market Fresh Schools Program* on Tuesday 26 February at 11:30.. The program is designed to achieve a number of objectives:

- Expose children to new varieties and types of fruits and vegetables
- Increase awareness of the importance of eating fruit and vegetables as part of a healthy well balanced diet
- Make learning about fruit and vegetables fun.



Fruit Break



We will continue to have a fruit break at 12:30pm to break the long 2 hour session. During this time, we will read a story as a class or silently. We do encourage all students to bring a piece of fruit to enjoy and assist our learning for the rest of the day.

Take your rubbish home

To reduce waste at Lalor East and teach students about waste management and healthy eating, we are encouraging students to take home any wrappers and rubbish from their daily lunch box.

There are many benefits to this program:

- lunch boxes are checked and cleaned daily
- parents can monitor what children are eating or not eating
- students and parents monitor how many wrappers are packed in your child's lunch box
- students investigate and try new healthy food options so they are curious about what they eat daily
- show students a very practical way to care for our environment - a clean school environment



It is important for teachers, parents and students to understand that reducing waste by choosing healthy food options is the responsibility of all members of society.

Birthdays

We currently have some students in the school who have food allergies. Certain foods may cause an anaphylactic reaction. If you would like your child to celebrate their special day, we suggest a cup cake or lolly bag which can be easily distributed amongst the class. We are unable to use knives or candles in the classroom for the safety of the students. **We ask parents to ensure you notify your classroom teacher of any allergies your child may have.**

Sun Smart Policy - ends 30 April 2019

Our school has a Sun Smart Policy and all students are to wear a broad brimmed hat in the school colour when playing outside during morning and lunch recess. Students without hats will be asked to sit in a covered area.



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Sessions in the computer lab and classroom will focus on developing the students' skills in

- logging on to the computer
- mouse control
- inserting shapes
- using **Microsoft Word / Publisher** to publish a factual poster about our inquiry to

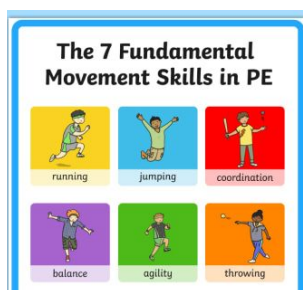
We look forward to working with you all to ensure every child in the 1/2 area achieves their personal best.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS



Art – Karren Moncur

Students will be painting in the first few weeks of school. Please provide a smock if you are concerned about paint on students' uniforms. The children will mix colours and cover the paper with the primary and secondary colours. They will make the colours lighter and darker with the shades. The children will then cut and paste paper to create collages. They will also make curls, tubes and cones to make 3D collages.



Phys Ed – Dean Sharples

During term 1, the grade 1/2 students will be participating in activities that promote and develop their Fundamental Motor Skills and sportsmanship. Activities will focus on the following skills: running, leaping, dodging, throwing and catching. The students will be practising many skill based activities and will then apply these skills to a modified game situation.

Please send your child to school wearing runners or sneakers on their P.E. day as this is the most appropriate footwear for our Multipurpose Centre.

Music – Luis Gonzalez

In term 1, students will learn songs which involve actions and movement. They will also be exploring different instruments and their characteristics to play them in different groups. Students will start learning basic forms of music notation. They will use these to create and perform music on percussion and keyboards. In Spanish, students will learn common greetings, numbers from 1 to 10 and some basic colours. They will also learn simple sentences to introduce themselves, their families and say their own names.

GRADE	ART	MUSIC	PHYS/ED
1/2A - Pesio I'a Rm 13	Monday 2:30-3:30	Friday 11:30 -12:30	Wednesday 10-11
1/2B - Hannah Rm 10	Thursday 2:30-3:30	Monday 2:30 -3:30	Wednesday 12:30-1:30
1/2C - Stephanie Rm 12	Wednesday 12:30-1:30	Thursday 2:30-3:30	Monday 2:30-3:30
1/2D - Karen O Rm 11	Tuesday 9-10	Wednesday 10-11	Thursday 2:30-3:30
