



Lalor East Primary School

Grade 5/6 Area News

Term One 2019

Welcome back to LEPS for 2019! We hope all our families have enjoyed a pleasant and safe summer holiday. As with every year at Lalor East, 2019 in Grade 5/6 is packed with loads of learning, sporting activities and other opportunities to cater for each and every one of our students.

This year, the teachers in the 5/6 team are:

Lauren Menezes Room 17

Kristian Carrocci Room 21

Angela Pobjoy & Ruthi Aitken Room 19

Brad Jones Room 22



Term 1 is going to be very busy with Interschool Sport, the Alternative Sport Program, Science, Numeracy and Literacy testing and our Grade 5/6 Camp to Lady Northcote. There will also be plenty of learning happening in Term 1! Many of our grade 5 students find the move to

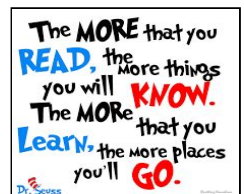
the upper school very challenging. There **is** extra homework to complete and students are expected to complete more work in class. If you feel your child is not coping or feeling stressed in any way at school, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to make an appointment for a chat.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| • Monday 13-15 February | School Camp – 3 day camp to Lady Northcote |
| • Thursday 7 February | Interschool Sport after school training begins |
| • Friday 22 February | Interschool Sports / Alternative Sports Program starts |
| • Monday 1 April | Parent Teacher Interviews (3:40 – 8:00 pm) |
| • Wednesday 3 April | Parent Teacher Interviews (3:40 – 6:00 pm) |
| • Friday 5 April | Last Day of Term 1- students finish at 1:30pm |

LITERACY

This year we will be implementing a new Reading program to improve reading and comprehension skills for our students. Testing is already underway so we can identify the students' strengths and areas for improvement. Our focus this term is building the ability to read independently and using strategies and skills to understand and analyse their chosen text. Students will focus on choosing and reading novels and texts that interest them from different genres. We will also include the use of Literature Boxes, where students will read books that cater for their needs and focus on improving not only comprehension strategies but also vocabulary, grammar and spelling. Our main focus for writing this term will be to work on enriching our sentences with descriptive vocabulary and figurative language. We will also be working on using phrases and extending our sentences into paragraphs. Students will use their imagination and different stimuli to enhance their writing on a variety of different topics.



SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

Art – Karren Moncur

The Year 5\6 students will be involved in a drawing unit to start the year. They will learn about the art elements Line, Shape and Space. These to see how to use the paper to best effect. Then we will move onto Form: creating 3D effects by shading the dark and lights. Students will then paint using different mediums and papers. They will paint a small canvas to finish the unit.

Physical Education – Dean Sharples

During Term 1 the Grade 5/6 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. All students will be given the opportunity to try out for the sprints, hurdles, 800 metres and field events for our District Athletics Sports to be held on Tuesday 2 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.

Music – Luis Rios Gonzalez

In term 1, students will rotate in groups to learn basic skills on guitar, bass, keyboard, ukulele, drum kit and percussion. Students will use these skills to perform in groups that resemble a rock/pop band. They will also discuss different instruments' characteristics and the music styles they are best suited to. Added to that, students will be performing in small percussion groups, and reviewing some basic forms of music notation to create and write their own music. Children will also continue exploring music from different cultures around the world, especially from Africa and the Middle East.

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| 5/6A - Kristian RM 21 | Thursday 11:30-12:30 | Tuesday 2:30-3:30 | Monday 10:00-11:00 |
| 5/6B - Mr Jones RM 22 | Wednesday 2:30-3:30 | Monday 10:00-11:00 | Thursday 11:30-12:30 |
| 5/6C - Ms Lauren RM 17 | Monday 11:30-12:30 | Wednesday 2:30-3:30 | Thursday 10:00-11:00 |
| 5/6D - Mrs Pobjoy/Ms Aitken RM 19 | Thursday 10:00-11:00 | Monday 11:30-12:30 | Wednesday 2:30-3:30 |